



*Visitation Inter-Parish School
exists to create a Catholic learning environment
that nurtures the total person in a family-like atmosphere.*

Friday, December 9, 2011

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Teachers:

The students are to be commended for their efforts in preparing for the Christmas Musical performances. They are a little nervous, so please encourage them to just do their best. Many thanks to all who helped to pull off the musical!

Thursday students in grades four through eight participated in the school competition of the National Geographic Bee. The first place winner was Annie John (Grade 8). Taking second place was Kelly Hale (Grade 6), and third was Maggie Wieberg (Grade 8). Congratulations, ladies! Thank you to Mrs. Bassett for coordinating this educational activity.

Monday, December 12, Miss Hernandez, the Youth Minister, will lead our school celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. She will show a video about Juan Diego, tell about her own childhood experiences of the celebration, lead the students in a prayer service and procession to church during which they will place at the foot of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe the flowers which they had crafted in Mrs. Weidinger's Art classes. Miss Hernandez is borrowing the statue from, Mrs. Bernadine Wieberg, Maggie Wieberg's grandmother. After lunch Miss Hernandez and volunteers Mrs. Nina Stratman and Mrs. Dorothy Buschmann will serve the students Mexican hot chocolate and bunuelos, which are fried cinnamon cookies made from tortilla dough. Thank you to Miss Hernandez and all of her helpers for providing this multicultural learning experience.

Friday, December 16, students may wear holiday shirts with dress code from the waist down. The Happy Birthday, Jesus parties are scheduled to run from 2:00-2:45. I don't know yet which group will qualify for the additional 15 minutes of party time by turning in labels. School lunch will be served that day.

As previously announced, if we have no school cancellations through December 16, our Christmas break will begin at the end of the school day December 16. If we have any cancellations through December 16, we can make up up to two days on December 19 and 20 as needed although there will be no bus service. Before and after school care from 7:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. will be provided at no charge to the parents if we are in session December 19 and 20.

Classes at Visitation will resume Monday, January 2, with before and after school care from 7:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. since there will be no bus service that day. Our next Home and School Association Meeting is Jan. 4.

On days with no bus service, please notify the school office regarding who will be picking up your children and if your students will attend after school care.

Parents/guardians, remember that it is your responsibility to notify the school office early in the morning if your child will be absent. It is important that we all work together to keep our children safe.

The students will soon begin work on their posters/essays for the KC Contest, which has two theme categories that are judged separately: 1. Alcohol Awareness and Abuse; 2. Drug Awareness and Abuse.

Blessings! *Principal Linda Stuckenschneider*

