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## NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Benefactors,

As we enter the 2017 Advent Season, let us each ask ourselves will we be bringing a gift to the Christ Child? God asks us daily to be a gift to those in need. How we do this is entirely up to us. Many times we forget that God is asking us to be a way for him to enter the lives of others. Our students went way beyond our economic times to share all that they could with children they do not even know. Our building shipped off approximately 59 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This was only possible with the wonderful backing of parents and benefactors. Thank you for deeply caring about others and helping us to do this wonderful giving project.

Advent means “Coming” in Latin, a time of preparation. During the first Sunday of Advent we light a purple “Prophet’s candle” which symbolizes Hope, reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The second Sunday of Advent we light a purple “Bethlehem candle” reminding us of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

The third Sunday of Advent we light the rose “Shepherd’s candle” reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming of Jesus.

The fourth Sunday of Advent we light the last purple “Angel’s candle” reminding us of the message of the angels. “Peace on Earth and Good Will toward Men.”

We know that each of our families prepare a little different for Christmas. Many families have special traditions and customs that they follow to make ready a way for the Lord. It is never an easy time for any family to try to be a part of every thing that is happening around us . Our children are busy, our parents are busy. To say the least we are a society on the run. All the computers that were suppose to make our lives easier seem to keep us even busier.

I pray that this year during Advent, you are able to slow down a little and spend time just making beautiful family memories, that will stay with you and your children for many years to come.

May the true blessings of the Christ Child be present in your lives as you and your family celebrate this Advent Season. May God bless you with his undying love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Laura Foss

As always our school will be working on *three giving projects* this Advent season. We would like each family to participate where they can.

1. We will be collecting items for the food pantry. We will see how many items we can provide for those in great need in our community. (At this time we have about 100 families visiting our food pantry monthly.) We would like each student to bring one nonperishable item to place in the giving baskets during the first week of December. These items will be taken up with the gifts at the Mass during the second week and then delivered over to the food pantry.
2. During the second week of December we are asking for items for the residents at Red Bud Village. Many of the residents are long standing members of our community. They have helped us in many ways and we would like to give back to the community in this way. They always enjoy puzzles, puzzle books, soaps, lotions, socks, hankies, and small lap throws to keep them warm.
3. We would like to have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hot Wheels races for the Pennies for Patients. We ask for a \$1.00 entry fee for each racer. This fee is a donation to the Pennies for Patients – Leukemia Society. It is kept in the Kansas area to help with Kansas children dealing with Leukemia. These races are going to be run on the last day of classes before we go on Christmas break.

Please consider all of the blessing you will be receiving this Christmas and help us bless others through our ability to give back.

#### Server Schedule for December


12/5/17 Bryan, Vincent, and Kate

12/7/17 Sylas, Nadalyn, and Addison

12/12/17 Brylee, Ben, and Noah

12/14/17 Jayden, Ashley, and Trevyn

Sacred Heart Grade School December 2017 Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 *2:30 PK Music *3:30 K-6 Music for Christmas	4	5	6	7 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> gr Conf.	8 No School – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary  Teacher Meeting	9
10  DIBLES testing this week	11 Home & School Christmas Caroling	12	13	14 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> gr Conf.	15	16
17	18	19	20 Geography Bee in AM  All School Christmas Celebration in PM  End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	21 No School – Christmas Break Begins	22	23
24 Christmas Eve  31 New Year's Eve	25 Christmas Day – Jesus's Birthday	26	27	28	29	30

Classes will resume on January 3, 2018 at 8:00 AM.