



**December 2, 2018**

**Good morning and happy Advent!**

If you have not been making it to Mass weekly, the start to the new church year is a good time to start a great habit. Going to Mass on Sunday is good for you and good for your family. Certainly you want to do good things for those you love!

**Internet Safety** - is always a priority with kids (and adults). National author and speaker, Jesse Weinberger, will be here on Monday to speak to students in grades four through eight about how to stay safe on the internet and on smartphones. Then, NEXT MONDAY, December 10, she will host an informative parents only meeting in the gym from 7-9pm. Think you cannot make it for the whole two hours or you will have to come late? That is fine. Any amount of information you hear from this presentation will help you to be a better parent and keep your kids safe. Check out this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwIIV75gkWk>

Jesse's website is <http://www.overnightgeekuniversity.com/>

**Hour of Code - Computer Science Week** - is this week and all grades (including kindergarten) will participate in an hour of coding. For example, grades 5 through 7 will be doing simple Java script coding with blocks, and the 8th grade will work on text-based Python coding. Since grades 2 through 8 have been coding regularly the last three years, the "Hour of Code" initiative may not be as big a deal as it was a few years ago, but the Computer Science Education week really puts a spotlight on the need for coding literacy. We are using a program developed by Tynker that exposes the students to a wide range of programming basics, such as creating algorithms, if-then statements, sequencing, and loops--all part of our problem solving goals. Thanks to Mr. McKay, our amazing computer teacher and tech guru, for all he does!

**Santa Shop** - is Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week in the school meeting room. We welcome VIRTUS certified parents to volunteer. Mr. Skelley would have had to have known you wanted to volunteer by this past Friday. And speaking of Mr. Gary Skelley, we are so grateful for all the time and energy he took to put together these three days for the kids.

**Santa Shop Schedule - Junior high does not have a scheduled time**

**Monday** - Mrs. Dosen and Mrs. Mog

**Tuesday** - Mrs. Salasek, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Ungvarsky, Mrs. Zickes

**Wednesday** - Mrs. Prevost, Mrs. Gerity, Miss McGhee, Mrs. White

**PTU Evening with Santa** - is on Wednesday, December 5 from 6-8pm in Upper and Lower Parish Halls. RSVP's were due last Wednesday so that we could have an accurate count of adults and kids. Thanks to Mrs. Molly Nemeth for all her hard work and dedication. We are looking forward to a fun evening of dancing, food and SANTA!

**Talent show auditions for students in grades 5-8** - will be held Tuesday and Thursday after school. There is a sign up sheet outside of Miss Perkins classroom. We have had people sing, dance, play musical instruments, demonstrate karate, solve a Rubik's cube in record time, perform synchronized swimming, etc. as part of the talent show. What's your child's talent?

**No Junior High Music Ministry** - after school on Thursday. Mrs. Wehrung has been called for jury duty. Music ministers will still lead us in singing at Mass on Friday, December 7.

**Scholastic Writing Practice** - will take place after school on Friday from 2:40-3:30pm in Mrs. Seguin's room.

**Saturday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** - and is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. There will be a vigil Mass on Friday evening at 7pm and then Mass at 8am and 10am on Saturday. It is good to bring your family to Mass.

**A donut social??** - Yes, you read that correctly. The parish council is hosting a donut social in lower parish hall next Sunday (December 9) after the 8am and 10am Masses. You do know the Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered every Sunday at the 10am Mass, right?

**Student Council is hosting weekly Advent collections** - Attention all parents and students, St. Charles Student Council will be organizing an Advent collection to benefit His Hands and Feet which is a ministry that puts together personal hygiene bags for the homeless and the people at the men's and women's shelter in Cleveland. This ministry also goes to areas where there are homeless people and serves them. The collection will run from Monday, December 3 through Friday, December 21. We would like to collect specific travel sized items during the weeks of Advent, and student council representatives will come to the classrooms each morning to collect the desired items.

The week of December 3-7 we will be collecting dental care products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss and mouthwash.

The week of December 10-14 we will be collecting body care items such as deodorant, soap, washcloths, body wash, shampoo and lotion/moisturizers.

The week of December 17-21 we will be collecting hair and face care items such as razors, shaving cream, hair brushes, combs and hair ties.

Peace to all -

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