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**DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER**

**Bingo Assignments**

December 7	No Bingo (7:30 P.M. Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation)						
December 14	Koelliker	Kreitzer	Krych	Krzemien	Kubec	Kustra	Lopriore
December 21	Lynch	Mask	Mazzella	McNamara	Meador	Mehmedagic	Mellino
December 28	Miller	Moennich	Molnar	Molseed	Ontko	Pavlick	

**SCHOOL NEWS ~ STAY IN THE LOOP!**

Check out St. Brendan School on Facebook! "Like us" and get the latest school news.

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

Ripcho Studio will be photographing retakes for Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are not satisfied with your current portraits, the entire package must be returned for a retake (keep your class picture). Remember that appropriate attire is required (i.e. no jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts).

*Sport/school club photos will also be taken. Students are asked to BRING their team jersey and/or club team t-shirts for the pictures.*

**DEC. 8 - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On this *Holy Day of Obligation* we celebrate Mary's sinless beginning, conceived without having original sin, in the womb of her mother. Mary is the patroness of the United States.

- 7:30 P.M. Vigil Mass - Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00 A.M. Mass - Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**CORDIALLY INVITED**

Tours of St. Brendan School are available year-round. Prospective families are invited to schedule an appointment to come and experience our faith-based academic and spiritual program. Please extend this information to anyone you may know inquiring about our school. We have a program to be proud of; let's share it with the community at large.

**NOVENA**

The Devotion theme for the month of December is a prayer called a *Novena*. A novena is usually nine consecutive days, are prayed for a special intention and often in honor of a saint. St. Brendan School and PSR students are going to pray a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We will begin on December 4 and end on her feast day, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Information and the Novena will be sent home so families will have the opportunity to pray the Novena together.

**Advent** marks the beginning of our church year. This season begins the four weeks before Christmas and is our time to: slow down, reflect, pray, and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Take time from the fast pace and focus on "the reason for the season."

### **SBS BAND CONCERT**

The SBS band concert will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Kenny Center. The program will begin at 1:15PM. All are welcome to come and enjoy the musical talents of our school band.

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Christmas Program will be held on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Church, at 6:30 P.M. All students in grades K-6 will be performing and some students in the upper grades will be assisting. The sign language class will also be performing. Students are to wear white tops and blue or black skirts or pants. Please join us following the program in the Navigator Room (in the school) for a reception sponsored by the PTU.

### **CHILDREN'S GOSPEL**

The children are once again going to act out the Christmas Gospel according to Luke at the 7:30 pm Mass on December 24, 2012 (Monday). We are looking for students in Grades Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> to be shepherds, angels, and narrators. The parts of Mary, Joseph, and Caesar will be given to interested 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. We are also looking for several 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> graders to help with the singing. We will be holding four practices. The practices will be held on the following days and times in the Church:

Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 18, 2012 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 23, 2012 from 4:30pm – 5:30 pm

The children will also need to arrive at Church at 7:00 pm on the evening of December 24<sup>th</sup>. This gives us enough time to get the children ready before Mass begins at 7:30 pm.

If your child is interested in participating in this, please call Annemarie Rajnicek at 440-427-9168. Please leave a message with your child's name and grade or email [aaquaviva@aol.com](mailto:aaquaviva@aol.com) with your child's name and grade.

### **2012 MISSION UPDATE**

A big thanks to all who donated to the Missions during Missionary Awareness Week (October 22-26, 2012). We were able to collect \$145 for the Holy Family Childhood Association. High fives to seventh grade who had the highest number of students donate.

Forty-seven beautifully decorated missionary posters, which covered 5 continents, were displayed throughout the building. The students also wrote thank you letters/cards to three current missionaries serving in El Salvador who are from the Cleveland area.

*Mrs. Osiecki/Mission Moderator*

### **THANK YOU**

- Mrs. Osiecki and Mrs. Manning for arranging the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Mrs. Schulte, Mrs. Hayes and the many volunteers for organizing the Holiday Shop and extra festivities for the students.
- School Advancement Fundraising Team for introducing a wonderful new tradition to St. Brendan ~ *Breakfast with St. Nicholas*.
- Mrs. Schuler who comes in weekly during lunch/recess to take on the role as the "bandaide" parent. *Your time and you are greatly appreciated!*

- Keith Smith and the numerous volunteers who spend their time with grades K-3 for the Waves of Enrichment Program.

***ADVENT Mass & Reconciliation Schedule***

SAINT BRENDAN CHURCH  
**2012 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

*SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING ADVENT*

MONDAY

DEC 17 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

December 19 **Communal Penance** 7:00 P.M. at St. Brendan Church  
(many priests will be available for confessions)

SATURDAY

December 1 Confessions 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.  
December 8 Confessions 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.  
December 15 Confessions 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.  
December 22 Confessions 3:30 – 4:40 P.M.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**  
**(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

FRIDAY

December 7 7:30 P.M. vigil

SATURDAY

December 8 9:00 A.M.

***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

MONDAY, December 24 Vigil Masses:

5:00 P.M. Church  
5:00 P.M. Kenny Center  
7:30 P.M. Church

12:00 Midnight (Church Choir Concert at 11:30 P.M.)

**TUESDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

**FEAST OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD – New Year’s Day**  
**(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

MONDAY VIGIL

December 31, 2012 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

January 1, 2013 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.