

November 18, 2016

Dear Families of All Saints Academy Students,

Thanksgiving Week

We have two days of school next week and the first trimester ends. Next Tuesday is a Jeans Day and we will also be having Mass. Report Cards will be published December 1st. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Child care is open on Wednesday, 11/23, and closed Thursday, 11/24, and Friday, 11/25.

Santa's Secret Shop

Santa's Secret Shop is just around the corner. It will be held the week of December 12th and there will be more information available next week. In the meantime we are looking for donations of the following items:

- Holiday Ziploc Bags- all sizes
- Gift Bags
- Wrapping Paper
- Tissue Paper
- Tape

Donations can be dropped off at either campus. Thank you in advance for your help in making the Santa Shop a success.

In addition to donations, we also need volunteers to help kids purchase and wrap presents at the Elementary Campus on December 12 & 13 and at the Middle School Campus on December 14 & 15. Contact Brooke Rowton if you are interested in helping out: 33brooke@comcast.net.

New ASA Sponsor

We are happy to announce a new sponsor for All Saints Academy. Licari's Sicilian Pizza Kitchen, which has worked with ASA for quite some time, is now an official All Saints Academy sponsor. They are located on the north side of Knapp just west of Celebration Cinema, and they were recently voted the best pizza in Michigan. Lisa and Gianni have been big supporters of our school, and we're thrilled to have them on board as an official sponsor. In January we'll be having an ASA day at Licari's...details to come. But welcome to Licari's Sicilian Pizza Kitchen...stop by and thank them by enjoying their delicious food.

ASA Can Use Your Old Smart Phones

Have you upgraded your smart phones, but aren't quite sure what to do with the old phones? Recycle it with ASA! We can give your old phone new life by using it as a small computing device - and keeping it out of a landfill. Smartphones are basically small wireless computers that have so many educational uses. Simply donate yours to either campus. *If you are unsure how to wipe your personal data off the device, we will do that for you. All phones we receive will be wiped, however if yours has a passcode, please remove it before donating.* [Click here for the specific makes and models we can use.](#)

Helpers Needed for the North(east) Pole Christmas Store

St. Alphonsus Parish is looking for donations and volunteers for the North(east) Pole, a community Christmas Store. They sell brand new toys and gifts to low-income individuals for 10% of their retail value. For example, a \$20 toy will cost \$2 at the North(east) Pole. The goal is to serve 500 families and over 1,000 kids this Christmas. They are in need of toys in the \$10-\$100 range as well as volunteers to work the days the store is open on December 5, 7, and 10th at the St. Alphonsus Parish Center Gym. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact AJ Fossel at 913-4415 or email afossel@catholicweb.com. [Here is an additional flyer for more details](#). A few ASA students are working with Home & School to provide additional support. Check out [this week's blog](#) for more details.

ASA Advent Activities

Faith and Learning

- Students join together for special prayers around the Advent Wreath at the Middle School, or on Monday afternoons at the Elementary School campus to help prepare their hearts for Christmas. We will also have special Advent prayers at school Masses as well.
- Students will listen to the stories of the Jesse Tree each day.
- Reconciliation Services are being scheduled for 3rd-8th grade.

Serving

We will be collecting needed items for Catholic Charities West Michigan November 28-January 9. Please send in the following items if you are able to help. Collection boxes will be in the hallway near the Advent wreath.

Pre-K	diapers and baby wipes
Kindergarten	baby lotion/baby powder
1st grade	craft kits/activity books
2nd grade	diaper rash ointment
3rd grade	onesies
4th grade	socks - boys and girls
5th grade	underwear - boys and girls
6th grade	burp cloths
7th grade	baby shampoo / comb/brush
8th grade	bar soap / body wash

- Elementary Students will travel to Marywood to share our Christmas program with the sisters. The date is yet to be determined. Permission slips will be coming soon! Ideas are being worked on for a Middle School project as well.
- An "Acts of Kindness" calendar will be sent home with Elementary Students on Monday, November 28, with some wonderful ideas to share acts of kindness each day during the Advent season.

Loving

Family Movie Day - Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm in the Brophy Center at St. Jude. Join us, in your pajamas, for a special showing of the Polar Express!

St. Al's Seeks Student Participation in Children's Mass

St. Alphonsus parishioners: ALL school-age children of the parish are welcome to actively participate in Mass. Our hope is that they develop a strong desire to always be involved in Mass, now and as an adult. [Please refer to this flyer](#) for details about how your children can participate in the children's masses.

Ski Club Sign Up

It's time to sign up for Ski Club at Cannonsburg. [Click here for details.](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, 11/22/16

First Trimester Ends

Jeans Day

8:30 am Elementary Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

Wednesday, 11/23/16

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, 11/24/16

No School - Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/25/16

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, 11/30/16

Elementary Vision and Hearing Screening

9:30am - 2:00 pm Grades 6 & 7 West Catholic Retreat

10:30 am Elementary Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

Thursday, 12/1/16

Elementary Vision and Hearing Screening

10:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

3:00 pm Report Cards Published

Friday 12/2/16

Spirit Day

8:00 am Middle School Rosary

10:00 am Grades 7 & 8 Career Cafe, WIN Cafe

God Bless,

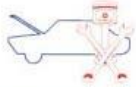
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