



# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, December 11, 2018

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To the following who made the spaghetti sauce: **KELLY BRAUEN, JENNY HUDDER, TARA McENERY, HEATHER PARKS, MELANIE PORTER, SUZY SHALLA & LINDSAY WHITE.** To **DARLENE STOREY & WESLEY B.** for doing all the set-up and clean up.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **NOVEMBER MERIT AWARD WINNERS!**

### *Christmas Calendar Raffle*



**THANK YOU** to everyone for your participation in this year's *Twelve Days Of Christmas* Fundraising Raffle and of course a **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to our Local Businesses and Community Members for your very generous donations!



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## ***Congratulations!***



*Here are the first winners in our  
"12 Days of Christmas" Raffle.*

**December 7, 2018**

Gift Card Tree:

**SAMANTHA ROGERS** Ticket # 2086

**December 8, 2018**

Pamper His Vehicle:

**ILDACO RUTLEDGE** Ticket # 0892

**December 9, 2018**

Whipping it Up:

**LILLIAN RASMUSSEN** Ticket # 1674

**December 10, 2018**

The Maintenance Group:

**TERRY DAFOE** Ticket # 0445

**December 11, 2018**

Family Time:

**LUCRETIA BARNES** Ticket # 1202

## **SANTA'S GIFT SHOP RETURNS**



**TOMORROW, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

## **N.H.H.S. CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



The North Hastings High School Band will be at OLM to perform their Christmas Concert for our students on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.**

## **JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**



The Junior girls had a fun day playing in the girls' mini volleyball tournament at Bird's Creek. Way to go for winning Best Sportsmanship and coming in second place!!!

*Mrs. Meszaros,  
Junior Girls' Volleyball Coach*



Great teamwork Junior boys! Impressive moves on the court and super serves during the tournament. Way to Go Polar Bears!!!

*Mrs. Cannon,  
Junior Boys' Volleyball Coach*

## **OUR NEXT PIZZA DAY**



**IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**



**O.L.M. CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**  
(Alternate date is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>)

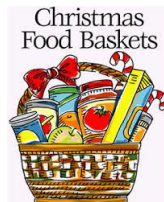


Matinee Performance: 1:00 p.m.  
Evening Performance: 7:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT ADMISSION** will be by donation of food item or a small monetary donation toward the local Food Banks.

School Council will be selling candy kabobs at the matinee and there will be a bake sale at the evening performance.

A 40" SHARP – SMART (1080p) FHD TV, generously donated by Rocco Trucking & Excavating, will be available as a raffle door prize.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the **PORTER FAMILY** and the **SHALLA FAMILY** who were winners in our *Seats for Eats Campaign*. Each family will receive Four Front Row Seats at the Christmas Concert. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our total raised was **\$178.00** for our local Food Banks.

**BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED**



The School Council would like to hold a Bake Sale at the Christmas Concert. All donations are very much appreciated. Baked goods with nuts will be accepted but need to be clearly marked and completely sealed. Please pre-price your goods, if at all possible.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**



We are having a **"Pajama Day"** NEXT **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**. Students can wear their cozy comfy PJ's on this day.

**STUDENT CHRISTMAS DANCES**



**PRIMARY JINGLE DANCE**

Our Primary Students (Grades JK- 3) will be having a Christmas Dance on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE DANCE**

Our Grade 4 to 8 Student Christmas Dance will be held on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**



Students, staff, parents and parishioners worked shoulder-to-shoulder during our annual workshop to prepare fresh Advent Wreaths as focal points for homes and classrooms during this Holy Season.

## MORNING OF SKATING



We are having a morning of skating at the arena on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>** from **9:15 to 11:15**. Please note that **ALL SKATERS** (children & adults) must wear a helmet and skates (no boots) on the ice.



Our Grade One Students received a gift after Mass on Friday of a beautiful Nativity Scene. The Nativity Sets are donated annually by Our Lady of Mercy Parish.



The Scholastic Book Fair has been another astounding success. We sold over **\$3,000.00** of merchandise from Scholastic. The school Learning Commons will receive \$1500+ worth of books for our shelves.

Thank you to **Ms. O'Shea, Mrs. Rumleski, Mrs. Cannon, Ms. Storey, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Flagler Edwards** for their support throughout the busy week. Our student volunteers, **Haley, Tori, Maddie, Amelie, Jack, Sophia, Ariella, Holly, Tayla, Olivia, Lily, Isabelle, Sydney, Paige, Sarah, Elizabeth and Megan** for giving of their recess time to help run the Book Fair.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### *Solemnity of Christmas*

<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	Bancroft	6:30 p.m.
<u>Christmas Day:</u>	Bancroft	11:15 a.m.

<i>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>		
<u>New Year's Eve:</u>	Bancroft	6:30 p.m.

<i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>		
<u>January 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Bancroft	11:15 a.m.

## FUN FRENCH FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

Bilingual people have sharper cognitive skills and keep their brain alert and active even when only one language is used.

*Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!*