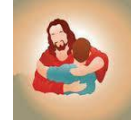




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### SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Tuition/Lunch/Afterschool:** Please keep your payments up to date.
- **Bookmobile:** Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Afterschool in Kindergarten:** Afterschool will be located in Kindergarten on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Forensics Tournament taking place that afternoon throughout St. Columba School.
- **Standardized testing:** ITBS for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the week beginning March 16<sup>th</sup> and COGAT for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades only is scheduled for the week beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark your calendars accordingly and try to refrain from scheduling appointments during those days. Your cooperation with testing is greatly appreciated.
- **Discount Cards:** Come and get your discount cards at the school's office. They make great presents! There are 28 vendors on the card. The cost per card is \$10.
- **School News:** Student Council is collecting socks to donate to a local nursing home. Please consider donating one pair of new, fuzzy socks. The socks will help to bring warmth and comfort to the elderly during the colder months.
- **Snow Days:** Mr. Drumm & Mr. Zeares ask that the students "unplug" and go outside. Send photos to Mr. Drumm and students can pick from Mr. Drumm's treasure chest.
- **Mass:** Every Friday at 8:30 am Mass is celebrated, please join us.
- **Dismissal Notes:** Please remember to send dismissal notes for your child(ren).
- **Volunteers:** Looking for two volunteers a month to come and help decorate the school hallways. Please call the school office @ 570-784-5932.

### FUNDRAISING:

- **Annual Gift Campaign:** To date we have collected \$18,500 towards the goal of \$23,000.
- **GALA UPDATE** - We are looking for donations for items for the raffles and silent auction for the Winter Gala. Did you receive Christmas gifts that you are not able to use? Can your business help? Then please donate these items to our school. They may be dropped off anytime before January 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, please contact the school office if you are able to help us organize these prizes. Let's make this year's Winter Gala fun and financially successful!
- **Gala Classroom Baskets:** Each classroom picks a basket theme for the winter Gala. The students are asked to obtain themed items for their classroom basket. Please be sure to check with your child regarding the theme of their classroom.
- **Box Tops:** Box tops are going electronic. Download the free app. You have 14 days to scan your receipt from the date of the grocery purchase. The next submission is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send in all boxtops by February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Giant A+ Rewards:** Remember to register your Giant Card for A+ rewards for the school. The program is in full swing!
- **Leprechaun Loop:** Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. At 6:00 pm, meet in the Cafeteria. Thank you.