



CELEBRATE CHRIST'S COMING



This Advent brings a period of time for Christians to set things right. At Christmas, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus to make all things new. We can turn to Christ with grateful hearts. We

praise God for the generosity that has been shown to us in our lives. We celebrate the fact that we are a "Eucharistic people"- a people of praise and thanksgiving. It is time for us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and to experience a change of heart. To make this season more meaningful and prayerful for everyone, beginning December 1st through December 22nd each morning all students, teachers, and staff will participate in Advent prayers. This is a special time of prayer and reflection.

It is our fervent wish that you and your family will be especially blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit and may the activities you share in the holiday season ahead bring you closer to each other and to our Lord Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Concert will be presented virtually **Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** All students will participate in this joyous event. Gather as a family around your smart TV's, laptops, iPad, or cell phones and connect to Blessed Sacrament Elementary School Facebook page and enjoy the show. Mrs. Mary Lynn Giacobbe, our music teacher and Mrs. Allison Brown, our art teacher, have been working extremely hard with students to prepare them in sharing the magic of Christmas with their families and friends through this musical program. Each year we look forward to this special presentation.



MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT



For the month of December, in conjunction with United Way, we will be collecting new/gently used coats for kids from **November 30th – December 23rd**. Help us "Warm Hearts for the Holidays".

Also, during the Advent season, we would like to help children by providing new mittens and hats. These items will be donated to children at our Parish Outreach Ministry. If you wish to help, please send these items to school with your child by Monday, December 20th. As children bring in these items, we will decorate the tree in the front hallway. These Advent Angels will transform our Christmas tree into a "Giving Tree". Encouraging children to buy an item for the Giving Tree from his or her allowance can be a great experience to build compassion within families. Help your children keep Christ in their hearts, as they share with others and show kindness to all.



ROCK-A-THON

This year we raised **\$10,939.00** due to everyone's support. Eleanor Moles was the Grand Prize Winner raising **\$1,365.00**. Prizes and tag day passes were distributed on November 15th to celebrate the success of this event.



PIES FOR THE RESCUE MISSION

Thank you to all our families for donating **175** pies for our November Service Project. It was wonderful seeing our students doing chores to raise money for a pie. This tradition is so important for the Rescue Mission, our school, and our students.



CHRISTMAS CASH

Thank you to everyone who purchased and/or sold tickets. We are overwhelmed to say we raised **\$17,136.00**. CONGRATULATIONS to Denise DeLucas, our \$5000 Grand Prize winner, The Mastrobattista Family who sold the most tickets, and The Davis Family for winning the December drawing. **Thank You** again for all your support.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

That time of year is again upon us when inclement weather and related problems cause schools to either open late or to be closed for the day. If the Syracuse City School District is announced closed or delayed, we are also closed or delayed. We also will send out a text/email. Busing – If you live out of the Syracuse City District and your child busses, the busing will follow your district. If SCSD is not your district, please call the main office if your child will be late due to delays.



EAGLE EXTRAS

-  Reminder – **Pre-K, KB, 1B, 2, and 6A** should dress in Christmas Concert attire on **Wednesday, December 8th**, for filming.
-  Reminder – **Tiny Eagles, KA, 1A, 3, 4, 5 and 6B** should dress in Christmas Concert attire on **Thursday, December 9th**, for filming.
-  School Liturgy planned by 3rd Grade on **December 8th** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
-  Voting day for faculty/staff Ugly Sweater Contest is on **December 16th**. Please bring in \$1.00 to vote. All proceeds go to the Peter Fennessey Scholarship Fund.
-  \$1.00 Ugly Sweater Themed TAG DAY on **December 17th**. All money will go to this month's service project.
-  **Covid-19 Vaccination-** If your child has received **BOTH** shots of the Covid-19 series, please contact the school nurse at cladouceur@syrdiocese.org
-  School will be closed on **Friday, December 24th – January 2nd** for Christmas Recess.

