



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 5 - 11, 2019

Mission: To be friendly, respectful, responsible, and Christ-like

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Schedule:

Game Today

Faith Academy Bellville
at 5:00 p.m. *there*

Monday 12/9

(Mass day)

St. Joseph Yoakum
at 5:30 p.m. *there*

Thursday 12/12

Green out!

Faith Academy Victoria
at 5:30 p.m. *home game*

Go Swords!!!

SCRIPTURE SAYS...

"For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me..."

Luke 1: 48-49

To understand more about Mary's role as Mother of God and why Catholics refer to Mary as the "Ark of the New Covenant" read more here:

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/mary-the-ark-of-the-new-covenant>



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- **Mass News:** Tomorrow our 1st graders, assisted by grade 8, will serve at the Children's Mass for the Feast of St. Nicholas. Then we will have Mass on Monday, December 9, fulfilling our Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Mass dress is required for both days.**
- **Noon Dismissal:** Tomorrow (December 6) is an early release day, so students will be dismissed at noon. There will be no After School Program – faculty and staff have a meeting following dismissal.
- **Advent:** The Church entered the season of Advent this past Sunday, December 1, which ends on the afternoon of December 24. Christians recognize this season as the spiritual preparation for Christmas, which begins the evening of December 24 and ends on January 12 with the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism. We gather as a school family Monday mornings during Advent to read scripture, pray, and light the candle(s) on our Advent wreath. All families are encouraged to celebrate the season of Advent by using the Advent calendars sent home with students. Make time for family each evening or early morning and open the calendar door, read the scripture, and pray as a family remembering to thank God for what you have even if you are experiencing difficulties; focus on the love God shows each of us by sending his son to save us from our sins and the sin of this world. Develop an attitude of gratitude to help get you through the difficult times in life. Students in grades 3 – 8 will go to confession next week. Father Wayne will post the Christmas confession schedule in the church bulletin; faculty, staff, and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Give yourself a gift and receive the grace of our Lord this Christmas!
- **School Advisory Council News:** Council reviewed the Strategic Plan (2017-2022) approving revisions and additions needed to address areas for improvement needed based on parent and teacher surveys from June 2019. Action items were discussed to address registration and budget for 2020-21, plant and facilities, and student services.
- **Student Council News:** The council will be purchasing Christmas stockings for every family to fill and return. These will be given as Christmas gifts to nursing home and/or homebound residents. Stockings and directions will be sent home next week.
- **Mission Week Report:** On the back of this newsletter is a report for the Mission Walk and prizes awarded including the winner of the open house attendance prize.
- **Veterans sponsor the Patriots Pen contest annually.** Congratulations to these students for their winning essays on *Why I Think America is Great:* Huxton Kloesel (1st), Brooke Wanjura (2nd), and Ethan Stech (3rd); Huxton's and Brooke's essays were submitted for the district round of competition and Brooke's essay won this round. Way to go students!
- **Lady Encore Lions sponsor the Peace Poster contest annually.** Congratulations to Rayleigh Huette whose poster moves to the next round of competition.
- **Box Tops and Receipts:** Congratulations grade 5! You have earned a day of *free dress* for turning in the most Box Tops and receipts for November. Please check with your homeroom teacher to determine your date for *free dress*.

HSA News

- **Jingle Fest News:** Please be sure that you have turned in all breakfast ticket money and any unsold tickets to the office by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Even if you have your working points for the fall semester, please consider working to help us offer our community quality service at breakfast and a grand Christmas shopping experience. Check your email for the Sign up Genius for this event. Thank you to all those parents, grandparents, teachers, and students who have signed up to work this Saturday!
- **Jingle Jog:** It's not too late to join the jog. Packet pick-up tomorrow from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. for those registered with late registration on Saturday from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.
- **Room Parents:** Christmas parties will be held at 11:30 a.m. on 12/20.