

Happy Snowy Friday Everyone!

Well, it was bound to happen - snow! The other day we had our first cancellation due to the snow. This was difficult because Ken-Ton cancelled after our dismissal. It made for a very difficult time in getting everyone home from After Care. The teachers had to call parents individually, which takes time, and the drive here took time because of the weather. As I look out my office window - finally at almost 4pm (as I have been all over today), I see the snow falling again, looking so sweet and innocent but I know its a slippery little thing! Please be careful out there. Next week is our last few days before Christmas break. The students are very excited! The teachers seem to be more excited! Dont forget that we are going to have our Happy Birthday Baby Jesus Party on Wednesday and the school is providing a pizza lunch for the kids. So you dont need to order, pay for, or bring lunch that day (unless your child does not like pizza). If you would still like to help, please let your child's homeroom teacher know!

We had a beautiful awards group today after mass! Kudos to our students for showing how the gifts God has given you are making a difference in your lives, the lives of others, and in the school!! Great job!!

A few reminders:

Next Wednesday (barring a terrible snow storm) students can come dressed in their Christmas best! No DRESS DOWN! If you chose not to dress up, then you can be in uniform.

I have been asked repeatedly about arrival time. Being new, when I asked what time school started, and people said 7:30, naturally, I figured 7:30 was the time kids have to be in their homerooms. However, after checking, double checking, confirming, etc. They MUST be in their homeroom by 7:40. After 7:40 they are late. So.....from 7:30-7:40 students have time to get to their homeroom, put their things away, and get ready for the day. However, please note that the same warning I gave last week holds true - you must bring your children on time because if you are habitually late it is an offense that we must report to CPS. Additionally, when you are in 8th grade, your academic and attendance records go to the school of your choice and it can certainly impact the decision of acceptance. Once again - in home room by 7:40am!

National Junior Honor Society:

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who meet the criteria based on ***scholarship (cumulative average of 90 or higher), character, leadership, citizenship qualities in and out of school, & have completed at least half of their service hour requirement*** are invited and encouraged to apply for membership into our National Junior Honor Society. Applications were given to students but can also be found on the school website under the Student tab in the clubs section. All necessary paperwork must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the NJHS mailbox located in the main office. The deadline for submitting ALL necessary paperwork is on or before Friday, January 13, 2017. Please note that it is not simply academics that earn you membership into the NJHS - it is also character, leadership and citizenship - pillars of the NJHS organization. You must have ALL of these qualities present in your every day life and they must be evident. If you have a 100 average, but are not a nice person, are disrespectful or rude to others or your teachers, then do not expect acceptance.

The SNOWBALL

Please see the attached flyer on this year's SNOW BALL at St. Gregory's. We are still looking for parents to chaperone the dance. It is for 5th-8th grade. We would need two parents from 5th-6th and two from 7th-8th to assist. If we sell no tickets then it is a moot point. However, if our students decide to attend, they need help. Please let me know if you are interested. Nicholas Pickolas from KISS 98.5 will be the guest DJ!

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The BLACK AND GOLD GALA

We are getting close!!! What a great gift to give friends and family - a night out!!! If you purchase your tickets before school lets out for Christmas, you will be given a great little gift certificate to give to someone! Please remember that this is our second biggest fundraiser next to BINGO, so we need everyone to make it a success! Please see the attached flyer:

[2017-BG-ParentForm-web \(2\).pdf](#)

Finally, the last day to share in the faculty gift fund is coming quickly. Please see the attached flyer for reminder information. Donations are due by: December 19th.

[faculty gift fund letter \(1\).pdf](#)

Have a great weekend and stay warm and safe!!

Peace,

Mrs. P