



HOLIDAY

I cannot believe I am writing to you to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. This year has flown by. We have only three classes left till Christmas break and then it seems that after we come back after break class time goes by so fast. We have lots to cover and so much to fill these young kids up with. Please review the schedule as many new things have been added to it.

A reminder that with Christmas coming up I would like to give to others that are less fortunate than we are. Remember if you have any hotel condiments, please send them to PRE. If you don't and want to still donate, shelters are looking for deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, floss, lotion and conditioner. Anything you may think someone could use that we sometimes take for granted.

When you show your child that you are willing to help someone less fortunate than ourselves then I believe we can make this world a better place.

The reason I am asking for these kinds of donated

items is for two reasons.

In the past I have had Christmas parties and it never failed, someone would be sick that night or forget the present for someone and I would have a child with tears in their eyes and I had no way to bring a gift to alleviate this issue. If I would know a day or two in advance I could have gotten a gift. I wish I was a mind reader. LOL



Secondly: I tell the kids, Christmas is a time for giving not receiving. Let's help out the organizations that are trying to put smiles on peoples faces this holiday season.

Please enjoy this festive time with your family and love them as you would yourself as they are a loving gift from Jesus.

Special points of interest:

- *Christmas is a time of giving and not of receiving*
- *Thank God for all the gifts in your life. Not only the tangible items but the items that go unnoticed (our health, our sight, our family and the list goes on)*
- *Jesus is the reason for the reason.*
- *Keep CHRIST in Christmas*

Children's Christmas Mass

If you have a child in grades 2 thru 6 that would like to participate in the singing of songs during the 5 PM Christmas Mass there will be practice after school. A paper was sent home to all students in those grades.

Practice will be located at church so have your child show up and enjoy the time to sing with others for this wonderful time of year.

They don't have to be good singers they just need to be able to listen to directions

form other adults and willing to stand in front of church to sing before Mass starts.

I encourage your support for this activity and thank you for allowing your child to participate.



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Attendance

Just a reminder that in order for your child to get perfect attendance they are only allowed to miss four excused absences.

That means, mom or dad or an adult supervisor needs to call or text me before 6 PM to let me know that the child will not be at PRE. If after 6:30 PM I have to call to see if the child is home and not here at PRE that counts as an unexcused absent and perfect attendance is no longer able to attain.

I know some years they are not excited for the t-shirts or whatever I can think of getting for the perfect attendance. But hearts are crushed when their friends

are getting their names called to get the perfect attendance award and they have not.

So I would love it if one year I could give everyone student a perfect attendance reward cause I tell you what, that would be worth putting in a few newspapers.



Skate to perfection

With that note, please remember to call me by 6 PM on a Wednesday night or if you know you will be out a week ahead, let me know right away and I will mark it down and then you wont have to worry about forgetting to tell me.

7th Grade Class



If you have a 7th grader, I have enclosed a form for you to review, sign and send back to PRE next week. Kim Sjuts, would like to touch on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and she would like to show parts of the Passion movie for this. But since some parts could be more graphic then we would like, I just need to have a parent permission to allow your child to watch the parts that will be shown. If you do now allow this then your child will be with me in the office. This is ok with me cause I could keep them busy. But in all honesty, I would like to see them all be in class and not in my office.

Christmas Party

We will be having our Christmas party on December 12, with the hopes the weather will be nice. With this lovely Nebraska weather, we never know what we will have from day to day. I cannot believe we have seen two different days were that has been snow, so we should all be in the mood for Christmas now.

We did not exchange names as I have explained to the kids that Christmas is not a time of receiving but a time of giving.

Bring your smile and holiday glow.



Merry Christmas!



2018-2019 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 5 – 1st night of class~~
~~Sept 12 – Class~~
~~Sept 16 – Rolls and coffee~~
~~Sept 19 – Class~~
~~Sept 26 – Class~~
~~Oct 3 – Mass (come join us)~~
~~Oct 7 – Bazaar~~
~~Oct 10 – Class~~
~~Oct 17 – Class~~
~~Oct 24 – Class~~
~~Oct 31 – No Class~~
~~Nov 7 – Class~~
~~Nov 14 – Class~~
~~Nov 21 – Happy Thanksgiving~~
~~NO PRE~~
~~Nov 25 – Speaker in Norfolk for Grades~~
~~8-12~~
~~Nov 28 – Class~~
December 5 – Confessions
December 12 – Christmas movie
December 19 – Class
December 25 Merry Christmas
December 26 – NO PRE

January 1 Happy New Year
January 2 – No PRE
January 9 – Class
January 16 – Class
January 23 – Class
January 30 – Class
February 6 – Class
February 13 – Class
February 20 – Class
February 27 – Class
March 6 – Ash Wednesday
March 13 – Mass
March 20 – Mass
March 27 – Mass
April 3 – Mass
April 10 – Mass
April 17 – NO PRE
April 21 – Easter
April 24 – Last night of PRE
May 5 – First Communion



Let us enjoy this time of
year as soon it will be gone.

Thank you

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I was asked by Fr. Pat to thank all my families on how well you have raised your children. A while back he had to stop Mass to ask a couple high school kids to stop talking in church. He states he has done that a couple times now and both times it has never been one of the PRE students he has had to correct in Mass.

So I was very happy to hear that! If you are attending St. Francis Church and you are showing your kids how to behave in Mass, that is very very nice that you can take ownership that you have raised your child right.

SPEAKER

On December 19, the 7-9 graders will have a speaker, Kyle Anderson, that will be coming in to speak to them about how his faith has gotten him through some of the toughest times in his life with his cancer. Kyle is in college now but got diagnosed with cancer when he was in Jr High (I believe). He has had many ups and downs in his life but yet his parents and faith have been by his side this whole time.

So parents, you are welcome and encouraged to come to this as well. I think this is a very real part of our life anymore and I want everyone to realize that when life has you down and you feel like you have nothing left, you will always have God. Not all outcomes are positive but we have to believe that this is God's plan and he suffers just as much as we do when life gets tough.



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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – 5 PM

Christmas Day –

Midnight Mass & 9 AM