



November 29, 2011

Dear Parents,

As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, I hope you take time to appreciate Advent as a peaceful time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The students, teachers, and staff gathered today for afternoon prayer as we blessed and lit our advent wreath.

Condolences to Sister Lindena; her mother went to heaven on November 17th. We welcomed Sister Lindena back to school today.

Congratulations to Bradley Friedman and Domenick Sarlitto. They entered the Science Fair at the Arizona State Fair and were awarded 1st Place for their Chemistry experiment.

December Calendar – Important dates for the month of December:

December 2 – 8th Grade Coffee House, 6-8 pm

December 5 - Lunch order forms due; 8th Grade Retreat

December 6 – Adopt-a-Family Donations due; Parent Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 pm; feast of St. Nicholas

December 7 – 6-8th grade Reconciliation, 9 am

December 7 – McTeacher's Night at McDonalds on Indian School, 5-8 pm

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception, school Mass 10:00 am

December 8, 9 – Advent Sale for students

December 9 – 3-5th grade Reconciliation

December 11 – Family Mass, 9:30am

December 12 – Band Concert 7:00 pm in the gym

December 14 – Winter Add-On day

December 15 – 2nd Grade Musical 7:00pm in the gym

December 16 – School Mass, 1:00pm Dismissal

McTeacher's Night – Our very dedicated teachers and staff will do just about anything to raise money for OLPH. They have truly outdone themselves by agreeing to prepare and serve the "Happiest Meals" ever at the brand new neighborhood McDonalds at 8001 E. Indian School Road. Please spread the word and join us on Wednesday, December 7th for a fun evening. A percentage of sales will be donated to our school; we will be competing for an additional \$500 donation dependent on overall sales. So please stop by; I look forward to seeing you.

Boy Scout News - The OLPH Boy Scouts will conduct their annual Christmas Wreath sale at the Saturday evening Mass on December 3rd and following the 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday December 4th. The wreaths will be arriving this week from Minnesota and the cost is \$20 per wreath. The boys greatly appreciate your support.

Scrip News – The Scrip office is now selling VISA, MasterCard, and AMEX gift cards. Advent calendars are still available. Holiday scrip office hours are as follows: Tuesdays 7:45am - 11am, Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:15 pm, and Fridays 7:45am – 1:15pm.

Yearbook Update - The deadline for ordering our expanded OLPH yearbook has been extended to December 15th. The cost is \$30.00 and will include the entire school for the first time this year. Any student may purchase a yearbook. Now is the time to order, as there will not be yearbooks available to purchase in the spring. All yearbooks must be preordered.

Blessings of Peace and Hope to all,

Donna Lauro

Principal