



SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Reflections from *A Year of Mercy* by Pope Francis:

"I realize of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. **Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures**, even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly but surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress."

Evangelii Gaudium, 6

Reflection:

Joy is **less of a single act or moment** and **more of a lens through which we can view every situation** we encounter in life, regardless of the immediate, inescapable sentiments and circumstances. Joy can most certainly permeate our liturgical and personal seasons of Advent just as much as those of Christmas. But, as with all good and difficult things, it takes time and practice. How can we form ourselves to be more active, conscious recipients of the grace of joy, especially when external circumstances are more likely to lend themselves to stress, fatigue, and suffering?

Advent begins this week - consider joining us for morning prayer as we celebrate the days leading up to the birth of our Lord this December.

Also join us for Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10th. K and 4th will be liturgical ministers at the 9:30 am mass so please join us for this family liturgy. Breakfast will be served before or after mass! Thank you to our K and 6th grade class sponsors! Don't miss this special holiday event!

It is time for Raffle #3 - get those tickets in for the best chance to win \$500.00!

Students will have the chance to purchase Christmas Gifts for moms and dads this Thursday during our School Board sponsored Santa's Gift Shoppe. Items are priced between \$5 and \$25 and will come wrapped and ready for under the tree. All classes will have a chance to rotate through and buy gifts. All proceeds benefit our School Scholarship Fund.

This Christmas we will be supporting CASA Solano (Court Appointed Special Advocates) who support foster children once again. This year we will be collecting shoes. Please have your child bring in a pair of new shoes, sizes 5 and above to gift a child in need.

Hat Policy - The weather is getting colder and students like to wear beanies and earmuffs. Saint Patrick School has approved "uniform" beanies with our school logo available in the office. These are the only winter hat/earmuff wear that will be acceptable. Students may wear their favorite other cold winter wear on free dress days. Hats are for sale for \$10.00 each.

Planning Ahead: We will soon begin preparing for the Christmas Tea - your class will be assigned to bring in the following items - for December 19th:

- TK - Large Bag of Grapes
- K - Box of Candy Canes
- 1 - 1 Dozen Cookies
- 2 - One Dozen Mini Muffins
- 3 - One dozen Deviled Eggs (12 halves)
- 4 - Jelly Sandwiches (4 sandwiches - 16 quarters)
- 5 - One dozen Deviled Eggs (12 halves)
- 6 - 1 small can Hot Cocoa Mix (water blend only)
 - Cider - 2 cans concentrate Apple Juice
 - (1/2 class will bring one of the above - as assigned by teacher)
- 7 - Hot cups (1/3 class)/Plates (1/3)/Napkins (1/3) - 35 each (as assigned by the teacher)
- 8 - 1 Round Tablecloth, 2 teapots, and flowers w/vase for the table

Our DWP Skill of the Month of December is Accomplishing a Task/Understanding the Reason for Rules

When people practice the skill of Accomplishing a Task they may need to

- Identify the task
- Brainstorm ways to do the task
- Select the way that will allow them to do their best quality work
- Set realistic time limits
- Stay focused, see the task all the way through
- Ask for help if needed
- Do their best quality work
- Learn from the experience
- Evaluate the success of their plan.

When people practice the skill of Understanding Reasons for Rules they may need to

- Know the rules and recite them to others
- Ask someone when they do not understand the reason for the rule
- Choose to follow the rules even if you do not feel like doing so
- Teach the reason for the rules to younger students
- Suggest changes if they do not think a rule is beneficial

Our Student Learning Expectation (SLE) for the month of December is Faith Filled People of God

Students who:

- ♣ Demonstrate knowledge of and actively practice Catholic traditions, beliefs, and moral teachings
- ♣ Actively contribute to the St. Patrick school family and community
- ♣ Practice self-discipline skills (DWP) that result in self-management

Notes and Reminders - December 3, 2018

December Hot Lunch January Orders are on-line
Due Dec. 12th by 8:30 am

Santa's Gift Shop will be open December 6th

Students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts for MOM and DAD.
Gifts range from \$5 - \$20 – See enclosed flyer

BWS Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 9th
GET YOUR TICKETS by TOMORROW
Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

Minimum Day **Wednesday**, December 19th
12:00 noon Dismissal
There will NOT be after school EDC- all students need to be picked up at noon

Classes Resume Monday, January 7th

Simbang Gabi

St. Patrick School will be hosting breakfast on Wednesday, December 19th after the 5:00 am Simbang Gabi Mass.

WE need 3 or 4 volunteers to help from 4:00 am – 7:30 am.

IF you can help, please email the office – dsalmi@cndo.org - (double hours ☺ towards your PTG commitment)



This Christmas Season we are supporting the CASA Solano foster children
SHOE DRIVE – new shoes sizes 5 and up –

Many thanks for continuing your generosity this holiday.
