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of the  
Catholic Diocese  
of Saginaw.*

*OUR Faith*

*OUR Kids*

*OUR Mission*

## *St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER*

### **Mission Statement**

*The Staff, parents and community of St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School work together to offer students a safe supportive and nurturing Catholic environment. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to Gospel values and discipleship.*

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Good morning!

We are busy getting ready for the Senior Luncheon. All the children will entertain our seniors this afternoon. The preschool and kindergarten classes made placemats for them and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will help serve lunch. It is always a fun time that everybody enjoys.

I managed to get an account with Tuscola today to send alerts for school delays or closings. I was able to sign in to receive it in my cell phone and I tested it and it works. Once you set up an account let me know so I can send a trial message and see if yours works. You can sign up for alerts at <http://www.tuscolatoday.com/index.php/ealerts/> and choose St. Elizabeth Catholic School as the alert you want to receive. You can put your email and your cell phone number and get messages in both. This is one more way to keep informed of weather alerts and other important information. I will still put it on TV and our web page. The important thing is that you have to sign up yourself. I can't sign you up.

For our Christmas play we need 3 hay bales. If anyone can lend them to us we would really appreciate it. If anybody has sewing ability and is interested and has time to help with costumes and props, we would gladly accept your help. By the way, please note that we have changed the time of the play to **6:30 PM**.

As the 3-4 grade co-ed basketball season comes to an end, I want to thank the coaches for the time they dedicated to our students. Huge thanks to Brian Childers and Lisa Wojdula and to their assistants, Matt Zwerk, Dawn Papesch and Denis Corrion. I hope I am not forgetting anybody. I apologize if I left anybody's name out. Now the 5-6 and 7-8 grade season has begun and we have one team of each coached by Chris Goodrow, Brian Childers, and Doug Wark with assistants Shane Wark, Briana Childers and Tyler Goodrow, the three of them alumni of our school. Again I hope I am not forgetting anybody else.

I do not get tired of thanking God for the support we get from our community. This week, the kindergarten class received the donation of two large flat-screened monitors for their computers. Thank you to the generosity of the family that donated them! We truly appreciate it.

We are half way into the second marking period. Early this week, I gave the children cards for their AR progress. Those that had already met and exceeded their goal got a jean day pass. I hope that those that are behind will catch up during Christmas vacation.

I hope to see you in church on Sunday and at the Knights of Columbus "Breakfast with Santa."

***On this Advent day, let us pray:***

***Bless the Lord on this Advent day.***

***Bless the Lord and prepare His way.***

***Blessed be God for ever.***

***By day and by night and through every season, you watch over us, loving God. By the light of the Advent wreath we wait in patience for your Son, our lord Jesus Christ. His coming comforts our fears and brings hope to our waiting world. All glory be yours, now and for ever. Amen.***

***As we continue with the duties of this day, let us pray:***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!***

### **LITURGY CORNER**



**Thursday, December 8**  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

**Sunday,  
December 11**  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
Children's Advent  
Liturgy



### **CONCESSSION HELP**

Saturday, December 10  
January 25  
Home Boys Basketball  
games

The concession stand is  
looking for parent helpers  
for the above dates.

**Saturday, 12/10**  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 1/25**  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please contact Kristi Barber

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to sign up for a full or a  
partial shift.  
Thank you!!!



## LOOKING AHEAD IN DECEMBER

**Thursday, December 8**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

**Friday, December 9**

NO SCHOOL MASS  
7/8 Grade Pop Sale

**Sunday, December 11**

11:00 a.m. Mass  
Children's Advent Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 14**

JEAN DAY

**Wednesday, December 14**

First Reconciliation  
6:30 p.m. at St. Norbert's

**Friday, December 16**

Student Council  
Christmas Scavenger  
Hunt

**Tuesday, December 20**

6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 21**

through  
Monday, January 2

CHRISTMAS BREAK

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

CLASSES RESUME



### *Mrs. Cameron – Kindergarten*

Today, we are excited to share our love for Jesus to the senior members of our parish. We will be singing two songs to them. We are thankful for all of their support of our school.

Thank you and God's blessings to a very special family that donated two flat screen monitors to our classroom. The children use the computers at center time to play educational games. The children are enjoying the large screens!

All of you have been so generous with snacks that the snack cupboard is full. I will not send home a snack calendar for December. We will snack on what we have in the cupboard. I expect that we will be ready for additional snacks in the new year. Watch for the new snack calendar before going on Christmas break.

**Our classroom Christmas party will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon from 1:00 until 3:00. The children will be participating in the St. Council scavenger hunt from 12:30 – 1:00.**

The snow is here and the children are going outside daily. Please remember to send your child with snow boots, snow pants, a hat, mittens, and extra dry socks. Today was our first day outside in the snow and I had two come in with wet socks.

Blessings, Mrs. Cameron



### *Mrs. Territo – 1st & 2nd Grade*

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, but it sure is. The excitement can be felt throughout the classroom. We are planning a classroom **Christmas Party on Friday, 12/16**. We will have a classroom gift exchange. **Each student should bring a wrapped \$8.00 gift on the 16th to exchange with his/her classmates.** (Extra gifts will be available if this would cause a financial hardship for your family). The students are excitedly preparing for the upcoming Christmas Program on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. There is lots of talk about Santa Claus, presents, cookies, and carols. But, through it all, we are keeping our focus on "Letting Our Lights Shine for Jesus," ways that we show that ALL Christmas preparations are to remember and celebrate the wonderful birth of our Savior.

Our first weekly book reports were completed successfully by all our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. However, I will remind you that a book report will be due on the Thursday of each week and should be completed in complete sentences. Also, please remember that we are almost to the mid-point of our marking period. Next week, I will send home a mid-term progress report to let you know how your child is doing. AR testing is available most morning to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Until then, you can check your child's AR progress online and contact me with any questions or concerns.



### *Mrs. Redwanz & Mrs. Wolschleger – 3rd & 4th Grade*

We have been busy practicing our songs and dances for the Christmas Program which will be on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars, because it is going to be a wonderful performance!

Our class will be drawing names today for Secret Santa. Because Mrs. Wolschleger and I haven't heard any concerns about the gift exchange, we have decided to make it a go. Also, we decided to draw names today instead of Friday because there will be a few children absent on Friday. Everyone is present today, so we thought we better exchange names today. Our Secret Santa gift exchange in the classroom will be on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We have decided instead of the children bringing in treats for the entire class, we would just have an \$8.00 gift exchange. Last year we did this, and the children really enjoyed it. The children need to keep who they got a secret until the gift exchange on the 20<sup>th</sup>. In the past, students have found it fun to secretly give little notes and little candies throughout the week prior to the exchange. However, the total gifts should not exceed the \$8.00 limit.

We will be doing a special project next week and are in need of the metal lids that come on the ends of the frozen juice cans. If you have any of these, or if you will be buying and drinking this type of juice within the next week, please send the lids in. It would be greatly appreciated!



### Mrs. Bojo – 5th & 6th Grade

Our classroom snack drawer is empty! We need several students to please bring in snacks for our snack drawer. The students have not had snacks in the afternoon for the past several days!

The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going to see an exhibit of King Tut at the Midland Center for the Arts on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We will be leaving around 10:00 am and returning in time for dismissal. Students need to bring money for lunch. Also, please return the permission slips that will be coming home this week before the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be decorating cookies with their preschool buddies. Parents are welcomed to join us for this activity if they wish. We will be doing this around 10:15 A.M.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders voted to have a “Secret Santa” gift exchange. They drew names on Tuesday and discussed an appropriate amount of \$10-15 dollars for their gifts. We will have our party on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, when we will have a “taco/nacho” luncheon, exchange gifts, and watch a movie. If this is a burden on any of you, help is available.

Our class will be planning the mass next Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are free to join us for this morning, please do. We would love to have you spend the morning with us in fellowship.

Have a good rest of the week! ☺ ~Mrs. Bojo



### Mrs. Papesh – 7th & 8th Grade

We are excited to be helping serve at the senior luncheon and then performing. It's always a great day that we look forward to.

Tomorrow we will be painting the holiday scenes on the windows after mass. Be sure and stop in and check them out.

Don't forget Sunday's All School Mass at 11:00. I hope to see you there!

The Christmas play is coming along nicely, well the music is at least. It is keeping us busy that is for sure.

The weather is getting very cold! Please make sure to bring outdoor gear as if the weather isn't wet, or less than 20 degrees we do head outside. Also, for those indoor days we could use some games and such to help pass the time. Board games, playing cards, puzzles, anything that you don't use at home. Thanks, bunches!

Good luck to the boys basketball teams as they begin their season.



*Amanda Hecht, Chairperson*

***Make sure to come into the office and reserve your \$100 Dance Ticket. A \$25.00 deposit is all you need at this time to reserve your ticket # and seat. The seats fill-up fast, so if you want a good seat and your favorite # come on in and purchase your ticket now!!!!***