

Principal's Corner:

Spotlight on Students: Getting Back into the Swing of Things!

I began my week in The Little School where I enjoyed visiting all of the classrooms. Pre-K was working at different stations. Kindergarten had just finished calendar and I walked in on them doing a dance for movement time! First grade was working on math. Second grade was reviewing vocabulary and third graders were finishing work and reading when they were finished! Everyone was so CALM and QUIET after the holiday. They all looked a little groggy to be truthful! It is hard getting up after getting to "sleep in" for five days! I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was spent with those you cherish and you got to experience a wonderful time together!

Bundle Up Everyone!

Now, I wanted to remind you once again that our Jr. High students in particular- do not think that they need a coat over their fleece Annunciation jackets and they really do! Our girls need some type of leggings on under their skirts to go outside. They ARE NOT dressed appropriately for the weather as it just dropped, but I am asking you to **please** make sure to take a look at them before you leave the house and insist that they add extra layers, especially coats, mittens and a hat!

Getting Ready for the Holiday:

I want to remind you that children pick up on "the stress" of the holidays. We tend to think "getting everything done" is the most important thing, often forgetting that the heart with which we do it things matters. If we are always in a hurry and cranky, what does that teach our children and grandchildren? Try to plan less things to do and do more things *with your children* while they are young like this. Your job? To make wonderful memories with them! Those memories don't have to cost a lot of money! Declaring Friday nights "Uno Night" for a couple weeks would be fun! Make some popcorn and watch some Christmas movies together! Go down to the Riverwalk or Market and take a walk. These are the things kids want to do! They don't really want to go shopping with you and stand in long lines. They always have to do a little bit of that, but do fun things with them! Also, be sure they are getting good rest during these weeks before Christmas. Exhaustion leads to crabbiness and that goes for adults too, right? For the older kids, turn the video games off and take their phones at a decent hour! Most importantly, just slow down and listen to them! Listening is one of the greatest gifts you can give a child.

Have a great week!

In Christ's Love,

Mrs. DeMar



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Dress Down
Day



This Friday, December 1, is our monthly Dress Down Day for charity. Students may pay \$1.00 for the right to dress down. That money will be donated to charity decided by fifth grade. Last month sixth grade donated \$130.00 to the American Cancer Society.

Mark your calendars for Home and School's next Dine Out Night which will be held at Chipotle on Kirk Road on Wednesday, December 6 from 4:00 – 8:00. You know you are too busy to make dinner. So make your life simpler and help your school at the same time. Get Chipotle! There is more information at the end of the newsletter.



Next Friday, December 8, Annunciation School will hold its annual toy collection. If possible, each child should bring an **UNWRAPPED**, new toy to school that day (**No stuffed animals, please.**) The students will bring their toy to the altar during a procession at the all-school Mass that day. Please consider toys for children of all ages. The toys will be donated to Toys for Tots. Please call the office if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your generosity.



This year's Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. There will be two performances; one at 1:30 and one at 6:30 that evening. Tickets are not required for either show. Doors for the afternoon show will open at 1:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. for the evening show.

Students should wear their Christmas dress-up clothes. Girls may wear dresses or slacks. Students should not wear jeans, flannel pants or Christmas pajamas!

Our kids are looking forward to performing for you as always!!



The Advent Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place following this Saturday's 5:15 Mass. Please come with your families and share the experience, joining the youth choir in songs. Following the tree lighting, the Knights of Columbus will offer chili dinner in the school gym. This is a parish event, there is no charge for dinner. Santa Claus will be making an appearance and Home and School members will be taking photos. The Pro-Life Group will offer Christmas Greenery in the gym as well. Sunday morning after all Masses the Knights will host Friendship Corner in the Gym with coffee, juice, doughnuts and leftover chili. The Pro-Life Group will also be in the gym selling greenery. Please begin Advent with your parish family by coming to these events.

DEC 2nd and 3rd Christmas Wreath & Greenery Sale

Saturday, Dec 2nd the school gym after 5:15 Mass and after Masses on Sunday, Dec 3rd

The sale supports: *Waterleaf Pregnancy Center* Sponsored by The Respect Life Group

28-inch wreaths, 22-inch wreaths, Porch Pots

Many other items and decorations are available at the sale.
Customize your greenery with our selection of bows and décor.



- ✓ Great hostess gifts!
- ✓ Ideal for a teacher's gift!
- ✓ Perfect for a home bound relative!

Call Trish if you would like to help or have questions. 630 957 8020.



Student Council will be collecting food **December 11-15** to donate to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry.

Please consider donating the following items.

Beans - canned, dried
Boxed Meals
Chili - canned, dried mix
Cereals
Fruit - canned, dried, squeeze packs
Macaroni & cheese
Meats – canned
Peanut butter & jelly, jams

Pasta – cans, bags & boxes
Rice bags & boxes
Seasoning packets
Soups, Sauces & Stews – canned
Tomato Sauce
Tuna – canned
Vegetables – canned
Whole Grains

Anyone donating at least one item will be entered into a raffle to throw a pie into a teacher's face. If any class has 100% participation, there will be an additional name drawn from the class. Please consider donating to help all families have a wonderful holiday season.



Afternoon Patrol Schedule – Week of December 4

Madeline Becker, Dominic Buttice and Jackson Watermann



DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ANNUNCIATION HOME AND SCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | 4-8PM
2902 KIRK RD STE 100, AURORA, IL, 60502

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **T7MMA7A**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



Greetings, this is Deacon Ken. For those of you who don't know I have the pleasure of teaching fourth-grade religion again this year. We started this project after choosing a saint for the classroom. His name is Jose Sanchez del Rio. The kids have done an amazing job with this, I'm just trying to lend a helping hand and a bit of guidance and support. Allow me to introduce...

FootSteps of Faith

Dear parents, the 4th-grade class has started a project called FootSteps of Faith. We are working with Ian's Boots Inc., this year to help people in need. Our mission is to provide winter boots to kids who have none and can't afford to buy them. So please donate winter boots, and socks but if you do not have any used that is okay please see what you can find to help people in need.

We are in need of boots for kids pre-k to 6th grade. Snow pants, socks, snow boots. Our goal is 100 of everything!! I know it is a lot but we want to help people in need. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!!

Thank you for your consideration. God bless you!

Christmas Gift Program

'Twas weeks before Christmas
And all through the school
Not a teacher gift had been purchased
What would parents do?

Decorations were hung
In the hallways with care,
In hopes that the Christmas spirit
would be shared.

The children were studying,
Struggling to stay awake,
While anxiously waiting
For a long Christmas break.

The parents were looking
To spread Christmas cheer
And thank teachers and staff
Who in their hearts they hold dear.

So Home and School came up with a plan
To make life easier on parents with so many demands.
Don't spend your time shopping for trinkets galore.
Send in a contribution and avoid the store!

Away with your worries
Without further delay
Decide on your cash contribution
And send it to the office today!



Home and School is coordinating a voluntary Christmas Gift Program. This is a great alternative to purchasing traditional presents or gift cards for the faculty and staff to whom you would like to show your appreciation. If you would like to participate, please place your contribution in an envelope addressed to Home and School and enclose the donation form. Send the envelope to the office. Mark on the form the faculty and staff members you would like to include and the amount of the contribution for each person. **Return the form with CASH only.** Any checks will be returned. Home and School will distribute the money to each faculty and staff member along with a list of those families who contributed to the gift. Donation amounts will not be listed. Any amount you would like to give is appreciated.

The submission deadline for contributions is Friday, December 15 so gifts can be presented before Christmas break.

Home and School Christmas Gift Program 2023

Family Name: _____ (as you would like it on the gift.)

Phone Number: _____ Contribution Total: _____

Contributions must be turned into the office by December 15. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE CASH**

ONLY. Checks will be returned.

Mrs. Bill - Preschool	\$
Mrs. Sojka – Preschool Aide	\$
Mrs. Kopin - Kindergarten	\$
Mrs. Jungels – Kindergarten Aide	\$
Mrs. Rizzo – First Grade	\$
Ms. Johnson – Second Grade	\$
Mrs. Ruffalo – Third Grade	\$
Mrs. Sweet – Primary Librarian	\$
Mrs. Hinterlong – Pri. Bldg Aide/ Morning Care	\$
Ms. Betlejeski – Fourth Grade	\$
Mrs. McCormack – Fifth Grade	\$
Mr. Litow - Jr. High Teacher, 6 th Homeroom	\$
Mrs. Eversole – Jr. High Teacher, 7 th Homeroom	\$
Mrs. Mazur – Jr. High Teacher, 8 th Homeroom	\$
Deacon Gay – Technology Coordinator	\$
Mrs. Vogt – STEAM Teacher, Technology	\$
Mrs. Swann – P.E.	\$
Mrs. Kubicek - Art	\$
Mrs. Van De Voort – Music Teacher P-5	\$
Mrs. Eilermann – Upper Building Aide	\$
Father Patrick - Pastor	\$
Mrs. Frieders – Morning Care	\$
Mrs. Amara Fata – After Care	\$
Ms. Ariana Schuster – After Care	\$
Mrs. Darlene Jimenez – After Care	\$
Mrs. Unruh – Joyful Noise Director and Organist	\$
Laura Valdez – Custodial, Misc.	\$
Mrs. DeMar - Principal	\$
Mrs. Brouch – Administrative Assistant	\$
Mrs. Becker – Office Assistant	\$



*It's TLC time again!
...Here's your Invitation to join
our annual
TLC Christmas Cookie collection
at Annunciation Parish!
**Please bring your favorite
Christmas cookies
to the parish patio on Sunday December 10, 2023.***



*Drop off should be between 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
One of our gracious "elf's" will happily accept them with a
smile on her face! We will then box an assortment of all these
wonderful treats in a festive box with beautiful bows, happily
wrapped by one of the team of "elf's".*

*With the assistance of our wonderful parishioner volunteers we will deliver the
lovely treats to parishioners that are homebound, or just might need a little TLC.*

***Most important,**
they will hopefully feel the love of the Christ child during this holiday season,
delivered specially from their fellow Annunciation parishioners.*

If you have any questions please call:

*Mary Moon 630-207-0454
Trish Theriault 630-957-8020*



ROSARY



ROYALS



MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, November 30th

Royals vs. Plano

5:30 pm (Junior Varsity Game)

7 pm (Varsity Game)



Wear **ROYAL BLUE!**

Free admission and pizza party for 5th–8th grade girls.

Arrive by 6pm for a meet and greet with the Varsity Team and Head Coach

RSVP to emceniry@rosaryhs.com, or bring this flyer to the game for Free Admission/Pizza Party.

Student

Name_____

Grade_____

School_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Parent Email_____



ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL'S 3RD ANNUAL **Breakfast with Santa**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

901 N. EDGELAWN DRIVE

AURORA, IL 60506

ADULTS - \$7, CHILDREN - \$3, &

CHILDREN UNDER 6 - FREE

**PANCAKES, BREAKFAST SAUSAGE, ORANGE JUICE,
& COFFEE WILL BE SERVED.**

**PHOTOS WITH SANTA, LETTERS TO SANTA,
& CHRISTMAS THEMED GAMES**

**PROCEEDS GO TO
THE ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL IGNITE FUND.**

PLEASE GO TO THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.

WWW.ROSARYHS.COM/SANTABREAKFAST



AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Disney THE LITTLE
MERMAID

Dear Parents of a Catholic School Student,

March 22nd -24th ACC will be performing the Musical, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*. We would like to invite 5th-8th graders to be a part of our show. There are two big songs in act I and two in act II including "Under the Sea" that we would love for them to be a part of. There will be an informational meeting at ACC Tuesday January 16th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria about participating in the show. The goal is to answer any questions about participation and work with students so that this experience does not conflict with any of their own school productions. If you would like to participate or find out more information then please be at this meeting.

Blessings, Phil Nohl - ACC Drama Director- Pnohl@auroracentral.com

Art Contest!!!

Aurora Central Catholic High School
in conjunction with its Musical
Disney's The Little Mermaid
will be having an Art Contest open to the Students of the Catholic
Grade Schools.

The theme of the Contest is: **Plants and Animals of the Sea**
We will be accepting drawings, paintings, sketches, basically anything that can be hung
from the ceiling or hung on the walls. Our goal is to fill our café with art and make it
look like you are under the sea. Cut out fish that can be hung or plants we can add to the
walls would be awesome!

The art will be divided by grade and school. The Student Directors and I will judge the
art on creativity and theme.

Awards

Awards will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. The 1st place winner of each category will
receive two free tickets to any of the 3 performance of ACC's *The Little Mermaid* **March**
22nd -24th. Two free spots in ACC's Summer Drama Camp will be awarded to two of the
most exceptional pieces. We will contact each school with the winners.

**All of the winning art and as much of the other entries that are sent in will be on
display at ACC during the weekend of the Musical March 22nd -24th.**

All art must be sent or delivered to **Mr. Nohl** at Aurora Central Catholic High School
1255 N. Edgelawn Dr. by **March 8th**. If you have questions please email Mr. Nohl at
Pnohl@auroracentral.com

With or on every entry we need

1. The name of the student
2. The grade of the student
3. The School of the Student

Art will be available for pick up March 26th

Thank You,
Phil Nohl – Drama Director – pnohl@auroracentral.com



VS



- Free Admission for Middle School Students
- Halftime Competition
- Free Concession Stand Treat



**COME
CHEER
ON
YOUR
CHARGERS!**



MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
7:00PM**