

## **Principal's Corner:**

### **Getting Back into the Swing of Things!**

Hello all Parents,

It is good to be back and feeling better after a very harsh case of COVID. We tend to take feeling GREAT for granted! It was good to turn that corner and be able to be back at school once again. I missed the kids so much and I have NEVER missed a Christmas Program in 46 years! I enjoyed the videos that were sent to me though and I am sure all of you were VERY proud of your children!

### **School is buzzing at this time of year!**

**Preschool** was working on a movement break when I went into their classroom with Mrs. Bill and Mrs. Sojka! They were working the wiggles out! The energy in that room was so fun!

**Kindergarten** was making gingerbread houses and working at stations!

**First grade** was screened in reading by Mrs. Rizzo and the other students were working on seatwork. Everyone was working so hard no one even looked up at the door!

**Second grade** students were all reading when I walked into the classroom! That's always so incredible to see!

**Third grade** was working on Math when I walked into their room with Mr. Tews! Yes, you guessed it! Mrs. Tews' son. He was doing a great job working with the children!

**Fourth grade** was studying Greek mythology.

**Fifth grade** was working on a religion lesson and receiving the next candle for their advent wreath from Mrs. McCormack.

**Sixth grade** was heading to Reconciliation with Mrs. Eversole today! We are welcoming Daxton Wolff back to Annunciation! He was here up until second grade and now he is back with his class and doing a spectacular job at Annunciation!

**Seventh grade** was in P.E. playing a wicked game of dodge ball neck down. Some games never go out of style and will always be favorites for kids!

**Eighth grade** just finished their Saint papers and I was able to read every single one of them. Their Saint papers explain why they chose this Saint for their confirmation name and they also gave a full explanation and background on the life of the saint. I was truly impressed by the reasons for choosing their Saint names. If you haven't read your child's paper, be sure to ask them to read it as they are pretty spectacular!

**Art and STEAM** have collaborated on studying church architecture and are making churches that actually light up! They are going to be absolutely beautiful! Congrats to Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Kubicek!

**Music** was having a regular day with Mrs. VandeVoort teaching them all sorts of new concepts in class. She did a fantastic program with the kids and helped each student sound their very best!

I hope you are enjoying preparing for Christmas. The teachers and the students are all ready for the break. We have noticed that so MANY children have deep coughs right now! I encourage you to have your child checked right away if they have a deep cough. The cases of RSV in children has gone up according to the CDC and it can lead to very serious situations. Many of the students in The Little School are coughing like crazy. Please take them to the clinic and have them seen over break if the coughing persists. We want to start the new year with everyone healthier than this past month!

Lastly, although our first Christmas without our son Ryan will be difficult, we are going to enjoy our family and try to get through it all knowing that he would want us to remember him with happy memories. Brian and I hope to spend lots of time with Michelle, Griffin, and baby McKenna! We want to be a good support to her at this blessed time of year and always. Personally, I thank God for our family, friends, and for each one of you!

Merry Christmas and the healthiest of New Years!

In Christ's Love,

Mrs. DeMar



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**Tomorrow, Thursday, December 21, will be a free red and green dress down day**



**Dismissal tomorrow, December 21, is at 11:00 a.m. There is no after school extended care on that day. Christmas break begins on Friday and school resumes on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**The administration, faculty, and staff of Annunciation School wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.**

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Every month at Annunciation School, special attention is paid to a particular virtue. Students are taught the meaning of this virtue and how it applies to their everyday life. At the end of the month, a student or two displaying this virtue is chosen to receive an award, along with a dress down pass.

The virtue for the month of November was Gratitude. Awards were presented today after the all-school Mass. Congratulations to following students who were recipients of the award for Gratitude:

Kindergarten: Santiago Alvarez and Serena Hurd  
First Grade: Sebastian Alcantar and Christianna Renteria  
Second Grade: Aviana Rodriguez and Henry Peterson  
Third Grade: Evan Eilermann, Ryan Pasternak, and Evan Fancsali  
Fourth Grade: Isabella Diaz and Estella Dutler  
Fifth Grade: Ben Bergeron and Nicholas Herrera  
Sixth Grade: Daniel Digate  
Seventh Grade: Colin Johnson and London Tyler  
Eighth Grade: Marlene Blanco and Arielle Rogers

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Student Council is excited to announce a special movie night event for our students at Annunciation. It's a great opportunity for our children to come together and enjoy some entertainment while building a sense of community. The movie night will be held on January 19th and will feature screenings of three popular movies. Here are the details and schedules for each grade level:

**Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:** Movie: Winnie-the-Pooh Time: 3:20 to 4:30 PM

Please note that students in these grades should be accompanied by a parent chaperone.

**3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Movie: Super Mario Bros Movie Time: 4:45 PM to 6:15 PM

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Movie: Big Hero 6 Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Admission for each student is \$3, and parent chaperones can attend free of charge. The admission fee includes not only the movie viewing but also a drink, popcorn, and candy for everyone.

Please mark your calendar and save the date!

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Student Council would like to thank all of the families that donated food to the food drive. Three hundred and twenty-three pounds of food were collected.

Officers delivered the food to the Batavia Food Pantry today.



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**SAVE THE DATE** for the 2024 Men's Athletic Fundraiser! All men of the parish, family and friends are invited to join us for a night of fun and excitement on Friday, February, 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Doors open at 6pm and the night will wrap up by Midnight.

We are looking for raffle donations. These could be tickets, tools, gift cards, sports memorabilia, or golf items. Any donations can be dropped at the school office.

More details will follow Christmas break.

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The Flannigan Rifles Drill Team would like to thank the Annunciation community for supporting its shoe fundraiser this fall. The team collected 3,585 pairs of shoes this fall! With the help of Funds2Orgs, the donated shoes will be delivered to developing countries where economic opportunities are limited. We also raised funds to support our upcoming competition season. We would not have been able to exceed our goal without the help of Annunciation families and staff.

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Afternoon Patrol Schedule – Week of January 8

Grace Bergeron, Gabe Jimenez and Jacob Tranchita

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Greetings, I pray your family's Advent season is off to a wonderful start.

Our snow boot drive continues. We have worked out some of the kinks in the setup and have actually gotten requests from local organizations, schools, and individual families.

So the team made the decision to **extend the drive through the end of January!**

I'm so proud and truly touched by the passion the class has shown. Their desire to succeed at this endeavor is grounded in their wanting to help others who have less than they do. I pray that you share my pride in these fifteen young adults, or as I like to say these young disciples. ~DKG

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Dear parents, the 4th-grade class has started a project called **FootSteps of Faith**. We are working 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 consider donating gently used winter boots, new socks, and gently used snow pants. Whatever you can help with would be very much appreciated.

If you don't have anything that you can donate, please consider making a small donation.

We are trying to help kids from pre-k to 6th grade in need of:

- **Snow boots**
- **Warm socks**
- **Snow pants**

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!!!!

**God bless you!**

*Emma Whipple*

**learn more; [footsteps-of-faith.com](http://footsteps-of-faith.com) Email us: [fof@annunciationbvm.org](mailto:fof@annunciationbvm.org)**



# ROSARY

## ROYALS



### WINTER BASKETBALL CAMP



**January 2-4, 2024**

6 -8 grade - 9:30 - 11am

3-5 grade - 11 am- 12:15 pm

Cost is **\$45**

**Hosted by Coach Ken Ubertino and the Rosary Royals  
Varsity Team**

You can register at [www.rosaryhs.com/basketballcamp](http://www.rosaryhs.com/basketballcamp)



# Middle School Math Contest

6th - 8th Grade Girls

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

4:00 - 5:30 pm

*(Awards presented at 5 pm)*



**Rosary High School**

901 N. Edgelawn Drive

Aurora, IL 60506

Sign up online at [www.rosaryhs.com/math](http://www.rosaryhs.com/math)

Cost is \$5 payable at the door

**Questions?**

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# **ACC YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1ST-8TH**

**REGISTER ON THE LEAGUE  
WEB PAGE**



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER  
COACHES/REFS**

**PARENT/COACHES  
MEETING FEB. 19TH-  
1ST PRACTICE  
FEBRUARY 26TH**

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