



December 2, 2014

"One of the hardest and gravest lessons is to learn to wait with patience and resignation. If Advent adds any of these qualities to our spirit of preparation, it will have been well spent."
 Janet Erskine Stuart, R.S.C.J.

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Today is Giving Tuesday

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Happy [#GivingTuesday!](#)

We enjoyed a wonderful day giving thanks on Thanksgiving. We spent two dedicated days—Black Friday and Cyber Monday—nabbing the best deals. And now today, we have [#GivingTuesday](#), a global day dedicated to giving back. Charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose today: to celebrate generosity and to give.

We invite you to give to Stuart Hall and then tell everyone you

The Next Two Weeks

December Quality of the Month - Peacemaker

Wednesday, 12/3
Early Dismissal

LS/MS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2:30-4:30pm (by appointment)

Thursday, 12/4
Moms' Rosary, 8am, Van Vrancken Chapel

Friday, 12/5
First Friday

Deck the Hall Christmas Boutique, 10am-2pm, Audubon Tea Room

Full Choir and 6A handbell group performance at 11:30am-noon

Monday 12/8-
Friday, 12/12
Christmas Gift Drive

Monday, 12/8
Chapel, 8am, followed by Knight Investiture

Full choir and 6B handbell group performance at Christmas at Ochsner, 11-11:30am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, sponsored by 4th Grade, 2pm, Van Vrancken Chapel

Wednesday, 12/10
Spirit T-shirt Day

Faculty In-Service; Early Dismissal

Friday, 12/12
Second Semester Tuition

can about how and why you are giving.

To post your unselfie click [here](#) to download the "[I give to Stuart Hall because...](#)" form or simply create your own. Post it to our Facebook page and tag yourself. We would love to hear from you!

If you have not yet made your Annual Giving pledge or gift and would like to do so, please click [here](#) for the secure online giving form.

Join us and be a part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity.

Lower/Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences

Lower and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. These conferences are optional unless requested by your son's teacher.

Lower School Parents: If you wish to request a conference, please contact your son's teacher directly.

Middle School Parents: If you wish to request a conference, please call Mrs. McKenna in the front office (861-1954) to schedule an appointment.

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First Friday

Our 5th Graders have been sharing the message of Thankfulness throughout the month of November. They will be honored, along with our Honor Guard, at our First Friday service this Friday, December 5. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please note that bookstore items will not be available for sale at this month's First Friday reception due to set-up for the Christmas Boutique. The Christmas Boutique will be held at the Audubon Tea Room, at 11 a.m. Several bookstore items will be available for sale at the Christmas Boutique and

Due

Full choir performance at
Woldenberg Village
Assisted Living, 11-
11:30am

Monday, 12/15
Christmas Gift Chapel,
8am

Wednesday, 12/17
Faculty In-Service; Early
Dismissal

Full Choir performance at
Roosevelt Hotel New
Orleans, 12-12:30pm

Friday, 12/19
Christmas Programs, Van
Vrancken Chapel
PS - 8:15am
LS - 9:15am
MS - 10:15am
Dismissal following each
program

NO EXTENDED DAY

Lunch Duty

Wednesday, 12/3
Gretchen Schmedtje

Thursday, 12/4
Lauren Eagan
Sarah Offner

Friday, 12/5
Christmas Boutique - no
lunch volunteers

Monday, 12/8
Susan Boten
Christine Maristany

Tuesday, 12/9
Mary Anne Purcell
Julie Varisco

throughout the year in the Development Office (8123 Panola St.).

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Deadline for Christmas Boutique Sponsors is Tomorrow



Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3, is the deadline for Savvy Shopper Sponsors to be included in the Deck the Hall Christmas Boutique program and signage. This is a great opportunity to thank your friends, family, co-workers, etc. The \$250 and \$500 levels earn you two and four patron tickets, respectively. Click [here](#) to sponsor.

It's also not too late to purchase tickets for Friday's premier shopping event at the Audubon Tea Room! Featured merchants include:

- Abode
- BEV RED
- Campus Connection
- Canine Connection
- Chez Marie/Alison Scott
- Classic Handbags
- Divine Designs
- enewton design
- Feet First
- Fifi Henri Engraved Company
- Fleur'tee Bee
- FloGlow
- Frances Rodriguez
- Friend & Company
- Garden District Bookstore
- Julia Reed (author booksigning)
- Haase's Shoe Store and Young Folks
- Inspired Books
- Judy at the Rink

Wednesday, 12/10
 Kimberly Rooney
 Cate Cummins-Stag

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- Le Visage
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- Mignon for Children
- NOLA Couture
- NOLA Shirts
- Presse Dufour
- Rose Lynn's Hallmarks
- S.A.K. Gifts
- Stuart Hall 7th Grade Parents
- Stuart Hall Parents Club
- Sock Spot
- Stella & Dot
- Sweet Pea & Tulip
- Vintage Finds Estate Jewelry

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets now!

Patron's hour will begin at 10:00 a.m., with complimentary drinks and exclusive shopping, followed by general shopping from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop 'til you drop while enjoying a morning brunch, afternoon tea and libation.

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Diamonds, Pro Basketball, Chic Shades... Introducing 2014 Christmas Boutique RAFFLES ANYONE CAN ENTER!

We are thrilled to announce our three OUTSTANDING raffle items for this year's Boutique!



First, a diamond bangle bracelet from Friend & Co., including 3 carats of diamonds set in platinum at a value of \$10,000. Click [here](#) to purchase raffle tickets.

Second, a priceless VIP New Orleans Pelicans package including suite admission for four, floor access and parking, donated by Jennifer and Dennis Lauscha. Click [here](#) to purchase raffle tickets.



And third, a fabulously chic pair of Versace tortoise shell sunglasses from Barnett Optical and Dr. Jay LaCour, valued at \$250. Click [here](#) to purchase raffle tickets.



Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$20/each and can be placed individually toward each item. Winners will be drawn at 1:45 p.m. at the Boutique and need not be present to win. Click [here](#) to purchase raffle tickets.

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Moms' Rosary

Please join us in the Chapel on Thursday, December 4, at 8 a.m. to pray the Rosary for our boys and their families.

The Moms' Rosary is held on the first Thursday of each month and all mothers and grandmothers are invited to attend.

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Academy of Our Lady Academic Games Tournament

Our S/H Knights will compete in the Academic Games tournament at Academy of Our Lady this Saturday, December 6, from 8:00 am- 12:30 pm. This year's team members include Seventh Graders William Benoit, John Duncan, Reece Guillory, Austin Hardouin, Max Holmes, Tom Levy, Wes Melito, and Zach Petty, and 6th Graders Zackarie Casebonne, Christopher Ciaccio, Grayson Gibbs, Si Holmes, Christian Lynch, Kohlmann Moore, and Ethan Rini.

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Christmas Gift Drive



Stuart Hall will continue our tradition of sponsoring a Christmas Gift Drive starting next week to help make this Christmas a little brighter for local children. Each of our students has been asked to bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$10, for another child in need.

Your son will receive information about the gift he is asked to bring by this Friday, December 5. Gifts will be accepted Monday, December 8 through Friday, December 12. We will present

these gifts at a special Christmas Gift Chapel on Monday, December 15, at 8 a.m. Through your generosity, more than 300 children will receive a Christmas gift this holiday season, thus making their Christmas happier and more hopeful.

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 8

Please join us for a Community Mass, sponsored by our Fourth Grade, on Monday, December 8, at 2 p.m. in the Van Vrancken Chapel. December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation.

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Learning Inside the Classroom



Mani Vandenberghe '23, Dawson Huckabay '23 and Christopher Jennings '23 explore the properties of various shapes and objects.

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Spring 2015 After-School Activities

It's time to start planning for some after-school fun in the Spring. Please click [here](#) to view a complete list with descriptions of our After-School activities.

Click on any of the links below for more information about each specific activity and to register for individual activities.

- [Martial Arts](#)
- [Bricks for Kidz PK3/PK4](#)
- [Bricks for Kidz K-4th](#)
- [Science Club](#)
- [Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes](#)
- [Number Crunchers](#)
- Tumblebus
(Registration form will be available soon. Please check website.)
- Lego Robotics Club: no registration form needed
- Guitar Club
(Registration form will be available soon. Please check website.)

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Sports Central

Middle School Basketball

Congratulations to the 5th grade basketball team for its victory over St. Andrew's last week. The team looked great to start the new season. The 6th and 7th grade teams are in action tomorrow against St. George's at Stuart Hall.

5th

Practice Schedule

- Thursday, December 4: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 8: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 16: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Game Schedule

- S/H vs. Country Day - Tuesday, December 9: 4:15 p.m. at Stuart Hall
- S/H vs. Holy Name of Jesus - Thursday, December 11: 4:00 p.m. at Stuart Hall

6th

Practice Schedule

- Wednesday, December 10: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Game Schedule

- S/H vs. St. George's - Wednesday, December 3: 3:45 p.m. at Stuart Hall
- S/H vs. Trinity - Monday, December 15: 4:00 p.m. at Trinity
- S/H vs. Audubon Charter: Thursday, December 18: 4:00 p.m. at S/H

7th

Practice Schedule

- Wednesday, December 3: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Game Schedule

- S/H vs. St. George's - Wednesday, December 3: 4:45 p.m. at Stuart Hall
- S/H vs. Trinity - Monday, December 15: 5:00 p.m. at Trinity
- S/H vs. Audubon Charter: Thursday, December 18: 5:00 p.m. at Audubon Charter

Middle School Soccer

5th/6th

Practice Schedule

- Thursday, December 11: 3:45-4:45 p.m. at Audubon
- Wednesday, December 17: 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Audubon

Game Schedule

- S/H vs. Trinity - Wednesday, December 3: 4:15 p.m. at LaSalle
- S/H vs. Christian Brothers - Thursday, December 4: 4:30 p.m. at LaSalle
- S/H vs. Lusher - Wednesday, December 10: 4:30 p.m. at Lusher
- S/H vs. Christian Brothers - Thursday, December 18: 4:00 p.m. at Christian Brothers

7th

Practice Schedule

- Tuesday, December 2: 3:45 p.m. at Audubon
- Tuesday, December 16: 3:45-4:45 p.m. at Audubon
- Wednesday, December 17: 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Audubon

Game Schedule

- S/H vs. Trinity - Friday, December 5: 4:00 p.m. at LaSalle
- S/H vs. Haynes - Tuesday, December 9. Location and Time TBD
- S/H vs. Lusher - Wednesday, December 10: 3:30 p.m. at Lusher

Lower School Intramural Flag Football

The 3rd and 4th grades will meet on Tuesdays (12/2, 12/9 and 12/16) from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and the 1st and 2nd grades will meet on Wednesdays (12/3, 12/10 and 12/17) from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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Boxtops Winners

Ms. Vincent's Sixth Grade homeroom is the winner of the recent Boxtops homeroom contest! Ms. Vincent's homeroom

collected 868 boxtops to grab the top spot. Mr. McDonald's Seventh Grade homeroom came in second with 389 boxtops and Ms. Kacie's/Mrs. Stephanie's Kindergarten homeroom came in third with 358 boxtops.

The Boxtops Committee would like to thank our parents and homeroom teachers for your continuing support of our Boxtops program. Thank you also to committee members Vaughn Downing, Valerie Finch, Jennifer Kavanaugh, Tara Labiche, Beth Schibler and Debbie Skrmetta.

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Save-the-Date for Knight at the Museum Friday, January 9

When the lights go out, our Stuart Hall Knights will play! Join us for a private Knight at the Museum. For the second year, the Louisiana Children's Museum will be open exclusively for Stuart Hall families and friends on Friday, January 9, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Save the date and spend an evening at the museum with us!

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Academic Games Presidents' Tournament

Team members are being accepted for the Academic Games League of New Orleans Presidents' Tournament on Wednesday, January 14 and Wednesday, January 21.

Practices will be held on Fridays during your son's lunch period. The games are open to boys in Grades 4-6. If your son is interested in participating, he needs to commit to coming each week to practice, studying facts on his own and attending both tournaments. The tournaments will be held after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

If your son is interested in participating, contact Mrs. Dunphy via [e-mail](#).

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Speakeasy Knight



The Patron pre-sale may be over but it's not too late to join us for Speakeasy Knight! Tickets are available for the Patron Party and Auction on Saturday, March 7. Purchase your [tickets](#) now and you can look forward to an exclusive seated Patron dinner featuring celebrity chefs led by Chef Brian Larson of Clancy's. Speak your support loudly by becoming a sponsor!

Check out the next clue on our [Instagram](#) page. [#speakeasyknight](#)



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