

ST. MARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

First Week of Advent

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season

Dear St. Mary Families,

Thank you so much to those who could attend the Parade of Lights last week. The attendance was overwhelming and it was such a fun evening. I am grateful for your support in sharing the SMS spirit with the community!

This Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we look to our patroness who is a model of discipleship, to inspire and remind us to have a humble heart capable of receiving God's gifts.

We formally express gratitude to our founding Sisters of Providence of the Immaculate Conception of Belgium for building our strong foundation and tradition of "committed diligence in educating our future leaders." I look forward to seeing you at Mass as we celebrate this special feast day.

Have a blessed Advent,
Mrs. Tracey Schmidt
Principal

SANTA'S WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK

Santa's Workshop is approaching quickly! Please see the attached [flier](#) for requested items by grade. We are in need of all items but especially items for dads, grandfathers and uncles. Also, if you are interested in helping please sign up using the [Signup.com](#) link. If you have any questions please contact Mandy Sullivan at mandysully@hotmail.com. This is a very fun way to get volunteer hours!



FUNDRAISER HOT LUNCH FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2018

It's that time again, time to sign up for Fundraiser Hot Lunch for the months of January and February, 2018. Click [HERE](#) for instruction on how to order. Click [HERE](#) to go straight to ordering. **ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4TH!**



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

The annual children's mass on **December 24th is at 3:00pm.** We are looking for children who would like to take part, both as readers and actors. The parts consist of:

Mary, Joseph, and Angel Gabriel (4th grade and above)
Innkeepers and Wise Men (3rd grade and above)
Angels and Shepherds (Kindergarten and above)
Readers (3rd grade and above)



If you would like your child to be a part of our yearly pageant, please email Cathe Cracknell at cracknellcathe@gmail.com. This will be on a

first come first serve basis. Mandatory rehearsal will be in the church on December 23 at 9:30am. **The deadline for sign-ups is Friday, December 15th.**

CHRISTMAS CD

The St. Mary Saturday musicians have produced a new CD featuring our very own Mrs. Guidi. The beautiful sounds of the Christmas season on this recording will get your heart ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday. These CD's are available to purchase:

\$15 each or two for \$25

Proceeds of the sale will be donated to St. Mary Church. See **order form** for details on how to get your copy!



SPORTS BASEMENT SHOPPING DAY

Sports Basement is inviting everyone at St. Mary School to a very special shopping day, where you'll receive **20% off** your entire purchase all day long! Mention your Basemeteer account (St. Mary) at the register, so your purchase supports St. Mary's School!

DATE: December 11, 2017

TIME: All Day Long!

LOCATION: EVERY Sports Basement Store

If you are unable to visit a store, you can join the celebration by shopping **ONLINE**. Use code **2050008422890** at checkout. See the attached **FLIER** for details.



YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED!

It is time to share with the yearbook staff all those wonderful photos you have been taking!

We are looking for photos of:

- First Day of School
- Blessing of the Animals
- Class Parties
- Field Trips
- CYO Cross Country
- CYO Basketball

Please email your photos to Mrs. Guidi at lguidi@cndo.org.

The yearbook staff thanks you in advance for your help in making this year's yearbook the best yet!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

1. **PARENT/STUDENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to pick up 35 poinsettias at Home Depot in San Ramon on **December 16th at 1:30pm** and deliver them back to St. Mary Church. Volunteer would need a truck or SUV to transport plants. If you are interested, please contact Pat O'Rourke at patourke1@comcast.net. Parent and student will receive volunteer/service hours.

2. **DANVILLE ELF WORKSHOP THIS WEEKEND** - Volunteers, 13 and up, are needed to assist with arts and crafts, leading fun games, face painting, food, santa's helpers, and more. There are multiple shifts and days plus a volunteer orientation. Click [here](#) for more details.

DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

December 7th

Free Dress with Parade Free Dress Pass Fundraiser Hot Lunch
Paid Free Dress

December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:15 All School Mass
Bake Sale

December 11th

Cultivating Confidence Assembly

December 12th

3:00 Choir Practice

December 13th

2:00 Yearbook Meeting

December 14th

Fundraiser Hot Lunch
Paid Free Dress

December 15th

Santa's Workshop
8:15 Mass Gr. 6-8
10:30 Field Trip Gr. 8
2:00 Kindergarten Nativity Play

Looking Ahead....

December 19

6:30 Christmas Concert

December 21st - January 5th

Christmas Break

LINKS AND DOWNLOADS

[Christmas CD Order Form](#)

[Fundraiser Hot Lunch](#)

[Sports Basement Shopping Day](#)

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[Santa's Workshop Flier](#)

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