

# DIVINE SAVIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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The Mission of Divine Savior Catholic School is to provide a quality Catholic and academic education that fosters a life-long commitment to living the Word of God.

Dear Parents,

The month of December has brought us the Season of Advent. It is a time to pause and think about the message of Preparing ourselves for the birth of Christ. Though it is a very fast-paced time of year with shopping and additional demands on our time, we must keep in mind the Hope, Patience, and Trust in God that this time of year also brings with it as we search for what should really be important in our lives....the birth of Christ.

## **Christmas Concert**

A thunderous round of applause to the students and Mrs. Sawyer for the wonderful Christmas program Tuesday night. Though the weather tried to dampen our spirits, you wouldn't let it. Thank you to Mrs. Sawyer's mother, Mrs. Feist, for all her work on the costumes and to the entire Divine Savior staff for their help and cooperation in putting on the production. Thanks to the Home-School Association for organizing the post-concert reception. Thank you, also, to Mrs. Blatz who organized the staff luncheon on Tuesday.

## **Sleighride**

The second annual Divine Savior Sleighride for Technology Fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15. The Pre-school through fourth grade students will have their "sleighride" in the morning and fifth through eighth grade rides will take place in the afternoon. The third and fourth graders hope to be able to stop at the Kiel Senior Center to sing a few carols during the senior's lunchtime while the seventh graders plan on visiting the Homestead to do some caroling. Students are reminded to dress for the weather as the rides last approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided by the Home School Association. The "sleighride" kicks-off the Technology Fundraiser. Thanks to Mr. Bill Hess for organizing this event and fundraiser. Donations can be sent now through January to Mr. Hess at Hess and Associates in New Holstein. Funds raised this year are earmarked for replacing the computer lab server at the Kiel campus and installing a server at our New Holstein campus. Software for recording student grades, assignments, etc. which would be accessible to parents through the school website is also part of the fundraising goal.

## **Belated Thank You**

A belated thank you to Mrs. Hoerth who volunteered to run the Book Fair for us this year. Also, thanks to Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Kraus who helped with the Book Fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences and served suppers to the teachers on the conference days.

### **Holyday Masses**

Tuesday, December 8, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending Mass at 8:30 am at the Kiel campus with the second graders assisting at Mass. The 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending the 9:30 am Mass at the New Holstein campus with the sixth graders assisting at the Mass. Students are encouraged to use their stewardship envelopes as there will be an Offertory collection taken up as at a Sunday Mass.

### **First Reconciliation**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from SS. Peter and Paul Parish will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 5. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **Reconciliation**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be able to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation through Fr. Loren on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15. The 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive the sacrament on Wednesday, December 16, during Father Harry's classroom visit time.

### **Progress Reports**

December 9 is the mid quarter point for the second quarter of the school year. Mid-quarter Progress Reports will be sent home on Thursday, December 17, with the students.

### **Christmas Wishes – From Home and School Association President**

Special thanks to the students and teachers of Divine Savior School, who assisted The Boldt Company, in wishing a Happy Holiday Season to our country's service men and women aboard the USS Benfold (DDG-65). Their precious artwork will most likely be displayed in the "galley" for all to see, or given to individuals that are less fortunate, aboard the ship who may not receive their Christmas blessing from family or friends.

The USS Benfold is a Defense vessel serving the USS Nimitz air craft carrier, now stationed in the Persian Gulf. It is home to 225 men and 24 women, currently, and operates in a convoy of 7 ships in total.

### **Next Newsletter**

The next newsletter will be sent home on Thursday, December 10.

**Mr. Konetzke & the Divine Savior Staff**

### **Enclosures**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat Permission Form
- Pie Fundraiser Financial Report
- Marketing & Promotions Committee Survey
- Paul Gasser Presentation Flyer

Breakfast with Santa sponsored by Kiel Area Junior Achievement will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at Zielanis Elementary School. Pancakes, sausages and a drink will be served. Advance tickets prices: \$6.00 for 12 and up, \$5.00 for 3-11 and free under 2. At the door ticket prices: \$7.00 for 12 and up, \$6.00 for 3-11 and free under 2. Tickets are available for purchase at the Kiel campus office.

