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Leading young hearts to Christ."*



HRS Families ...



November 22 was the feast day for St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music. As a longtime music educator and currently a church choir director, I, of course, have always liked knowing about St. Cecilia. Music is associated with the Divine in her story and most of us recognize that certain music has the power to bring us closer to God as well. Beautiful music can give us a different perspective. It can inspire us to be better people and move us to count our blessings -- not a bad thing to do as we approach the coming holiday. Have a good week and very

happy Thanksgiving.

"I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live."

-Psalm 104:33

Coat Drive Report

On Friday, November 18, Francis Rynda, Amy Bulger and the 7/8 grade class delivered 225 coats to the St. Vincent DePaul Center in Faribault. Thank you to all who donated.

Change in Mass Schedule

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 8:15 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer.

Eye & Ear Screening

Testing of students' eyes and ears will be Wednesday, November 30, at HRS. Students need to bring their eyeglasses with them to the screening.

Have you started your Christmas Shopping Yet? — Keep in mind our Scrip Program when doing your shopping. We have many gift cards on hand and we can order many, many others. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see the various vendors and their rebate amounts. You would not only avoid crowds, shipping costs, and wrong sizes, colors, etc., but you would help MHRS and tuition costs! Cards are ordered on Mondays and can be picked up the following Thursday. They are also available online, after Mass, in the school office or at Frandsen Bank.

Holiday Social - Next Chapter Winery

What better way to celebrate the holiday season with your loved ones than with a holiday social at the Next Chapter Winery sampling local cider, wine, and food? Starting at 7:30 p.m. come enter into the chandelier-lit Barrel Room, where six different stations will be set up, laden with small plates from Pizzeria 201, a local restaurant and catering company located in downtown Montgomery. At each station, there also will be a carefully selected wine from the Next Chapter Winery or a cider crafted by the Montgomery Apple Orchard which will pair with and enhance the flavors of the hors d'oeuvre. After sampling from each station, please feel free to stay, relax, sip and enjoy the evening. This event includes 6 hors d'oeuvres, 3 different wines and 3 different ciders. **A portion of the night's proceeds will go to Holy Redeemer School.** Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., \$35/person.

MNSAA - 'Wish list'

In the next several months you will be hearing about MNSAA and the school's accreditation process. MNSAA stands for Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association and the process enhances the quality of education through a process of self-evaluation and ongoing improvement. As part of the procedure, the HRS Advisory Board is comprising a "wish list," a list of possible improvements for the school to improve the quality of education and increase enrollment. If you have any suggestions for the group, please contact the Advisory Board or the school office.



Santa Anonymous Collection Nov. 18-Dec. 9

HRS again is a collection site for the Le Sueur County Santa Anonymous program. Please help Santa Anonymous provide a Merry Christmas for less fortunate children in the county. Some of the items needed are: toys of good value, educational, long-lasting and non-violent (no guns), new socks, hats, mittens, bedding, books and items for teenagers. Please leave gifts unwrapped with prices on. Mrs. Picha is the Montgomery coordinator.



As always, please feel free to email or call me with any thoughts or concerns.

Thank you.

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Calendar:

- Nov. 22**—Thanksgiving Ecumenical Concert, St. Patrick's, Shieldsville, 7 p.m., donations for Montgomery Food Shelf requested
- Nov. 24-25**—Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30**—All School Mass, First Week of Advent, Staff
- Nov. 30**—Eye & Ear Screening
- Dec. 1**—Torchlight Parade, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4**—Mrs. Pesta's Birthday
- Dec. 8**—All School Mass, Gr. 7/8
- Dec. 14**—All School Mass, Gr. 5/6
- Dec. 14**—2-hr. Early Out (12:50)
- Dec. 21**—All School Mass, Gr. 3/4
- Dec. 21**—HRS Christmas Concert, 1 and 7 p.m., at Holy Redeemer Church
- Dec. 23-Jan. 2**—Christmas Break

Remember to keep saving: Coborn's Food Club Labels for Learning from the register receipt, Milk Moola labels, ink cartridges & cell phones for recycling, Campbell's Labels for Learning, Box Tops 4 Education, My Coke Rewards, Loaves4Learning UPCs and pop tabs.

Please make sure your children are dressing appropriately for outdoor recess, as well as walking to and from band/choir.

HRS is looking for recyclable paper (blank on one side) to use for copying student worksheets, etc. Please drop off in office. Thank you!

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