



"Faith in Every Student"

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Jesus is the
REASON
for the
Season

This time of the year is a very special one for all Christians, especially those at Saint Thomas School. We are so fortunate that we can truly and fully celebrate the "Reason for the Season" throughout our school day. As the sights and sounds of the holidays surround us, let's all take the opportunity to share in the treasures of Advent and Christmas through prayer, reflections, and time spent with our loved ones. I hope everyone has a blessed and joyful holiday season!

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Amy Higgins

Brrrr... it is getting chillier outside, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. It is also a good idea to label their coats, hats, and gloves, etc. Make sure your child knows to store gloves/mittens in their pockets.



Snow Days

We follow the Bedford Area School District for all school closings, early dismissals, and delays. On a delay, our Morning Care will be begin at 9:00am **only if arrangements are made with Michele Snavely**. After Care is canceled if there is an early dismissal.



Dressing for a Cause

It has been a tradition for students at Saint Thomas School to collect new mittens, hats, and scarves during Advent. These items will be distributed to children who are in need of warmer winter gear. Our Mitten Tree will be located in the school office. Any student who donates items by Friday, December 16th may dress down on the following Friday: December 22nd.



Ladies Winter Raffle

Saturday, February 11th, 2017

Doors open at 1:00PM ~ First drawing at 2:00PM
Saint Thomas School Hall

\$20.00 donation ~ Ticket admits one person , includes

food & drink plus 25 chances to win a basket

(Do not need to be present to win, but must have someone to distribute tickets for baskets)

Over 20 baskets being raffled, each valued over \$100.00

Each school family is asked to sell **5 tickets** (which will be sent home before Christmas break) & turn the money/unsold tickets in to the office by **January 16th**.



Need a gift for a special lady in your life? Give her a raffle ticket! It's a fun afternoon with lots of opportunities to win great prizes!



Important Dates!



December	
3rd:	DBI Christmas Family Fun Event
3rd-4th:	School Craft Show
5th-6th:	Santa's Workshop
7th:	Immaculate Conception Mass
14th:	Little Tiger Story Time 9:30am December lunch orders due Bingo- Workers: Burkett, Carter, Fanni, Young
16th:	Christmas Program 7:00pm
22nd:	Dress Down Day Caroling & class Christmas parties
23rd-30th:	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

Looking ahead to January...

2nd:	NO SCHOOL - New Year Holiday
16th:	Make-up day from August
27th:	NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Morning Drop-Off Begins at 8:00am

If you arrive at school prior to 8:00am and have not signed up for Morning Care with Miss Michele, kindly wait outside with your child until the teacher with recess/door duty arrives. Thank you for your cooperation.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13



We are excited to invite Saint Thomas families and friends to our annual Christmas Program entitled **Ram-a-Lamb-a-Ding-Dong**, which will be held on Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm in the school hall. Students should arrive at the school at 6:15pm that evening, with make-up on. Students will need to bring the following items for their program costumes to the school no later than **Monday, December 12th**:

PreK3 & 4 (Lambs): black long-sleeved shirt, pants, socks, gloves/mittens (all black)

Kindergarten (Shepherds, Mary, & Joseph): plain white t-shirt, shorts for under costume (any color), sandals if you have them

Kindergarten (Three Kings): black long-sleeved shirt, pants, socks, shoes (all black)

1st grade (Donkey, Cow, Ram, Camel): black socks & gloves/mittens

1st grade (Doves): white long-sleeved shirt, pants, socks, gloves/mittens (all white)

2nd grade (Sheep): black long-sleeved shirt, pants, socks, gloves/mittens (all black)

3rd & 4th grade (Angels): white t-shirt, white or beige shorts, white socks

Please call Mrs. Mickey at the school if you have any questions.

Reminders:

- If anyone is interested in helping prepare for the program by painting, sewing, etc, please contact Mrs. Mickey.
- Professional photographs will be taken by Kevin Leonardis on Thursday, December 15th at 9:00am, followed by dress rehearsal.
- Families are asked to donate a dozen cookies to share after the program.



Mass

We celebrate Mass every Wednesday at 8:30AM in our school hall. This is a focus of our school-religious education and the worship of God.

Everyone is welcome to join us!