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under the patronage of Blessed Mary Angela

December, 2018

The season of Advent ushers in the Year of Grace 2019 in our church. As we hustle and bustle during this season of preparation may we truly prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

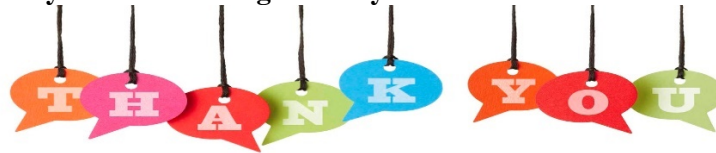


Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we wait eagerly for your arrival.

Come fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Thank you for your continuous generosity to Northern Cambria Catholic School.



- **Scholastic Stroll** – through your assistance with names of families and businesses we have been able to raise about \$6500 to use toward STREAM education and Safety of NCCS.
- **RADA** - The early sales basket winner was Jessica Thompson.
- **Fundraisers** – to all of you who faithfully sell tickets, work BINGO, buy SCRIP, volunteer for Lunch and the countless other programs, a HUGE THANK YOU! Please keep in mind for those who are hard to buy for on your “Santa” list we regularly sell SCRIP and BINGO admissions. Tickets are also available for the Mardi Gras Horse Races that will take place in early March.

NCCS Christmas Concert

Students under the direction of Mr. Bradley Scherden have been working extremely hard getting ready for our Christmas Concert. The concert will be presented on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Nicholas Church. Students may wear Christmas attire – colors of red, green, gold, silver, white. Boys should wear dark pants. You don't have to go out to buy anything, school clothes are always appropriate.



the joy of

 giving

As previously announced, December will be a month of collections for those less fortunate. This can be a true learning experience for the children; teaching them to give.

• **Pop Can tabs** will be accepted from **December 3 - December 14**. They will be cashed in with the funds going to a local “Angel Tree Program”.

• **Fridays in December – December 7 and 14**

and 21 will be “Casual Fridays”. Students and teachers may wear jeans and casual clothing for a monetary donation, new hats, gloves or scarves.

- **December 17 – 20** will be “Festive Dress Days”. Students may wear Christmas shirts, socks, nail polish, earrings (no dangling) and hats with uniform skirt or pants each day for a daily monetary or gift donation.
- **December 19** will be “Ugly Sweater Day” – even though this is a mass day. Students and teachers may enter the contest for a small donation. Small prizes will be given to the best in each classroom.

All proceeds will go to those in need.

Students will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during this season of Advent on Monday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Congratulations to our Second Grade Students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st time during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Gabriella Buterbaugh

Andrew Farabaugh

Ethan Farabaugh

Hank Lieb

Brynn Miller

Camden Pizarchik



The faculty and students at NCCS will have a special opportunity on December 6, St. Nicholas Day. Bishop Mark will be here to celebrate mass with us at 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us if you are available to praise and thank God for all that he has done for us on this special day.

*** **Students are to wear their RICH t-shirts with uniform skirts and pants this day.**

*** Please note that as of January 2, 2019 our school mass time will change to 10:00 a.m. weekly.



Due to the 2 snow days, School Messenger messages have been sent out this year. This is the system that will be used to alert you of weather and other emergencies. If you did not receive the message where you need to receive it, please notify the school immediately so that we can check your contact information for proper notification in the event of a delay, cancellation or other emergency. If you would like to receive notification via text as well as phone and e-mail, you must opt in each year. To OPT IN to text messages for school alerts you MUST text “Y” to: 67587 on your cell phones.

Because we already had 2 snow days, NCCS will have classes on January 2, 2019.

St. Nicholas, Santa and the Bishop Carroll Student Ambassadors will visit NCCS this December. PFS also has a special “Christmas Surprise” planned for our students. Thanks to all of you who consistently make these “extras” happen for our students.



We are happy to announce that Northern Cambria Catholic School has recently become Active Shooter T.E.A.M. Certified through Gittings Protective Security Inc. **Please train yourselves to check out the Red alerts on our Facebook page if ever a crisis occurred at NCCS.** Important information will be found there. The PA State Police will be conducting a Risk and Vulnerability assessment on December 11 at NCCS. We are thankful for all the help from both Gittings and the PA State Police to keep us safe!



During the month of December, we will be having an ornament exchange. We are asking students who wish to participate to bring in an ornament – handmade or purchased to decorate our hall tree and then on December 20 or 21, students will pick an ornament take home for the ornament exchange. This can be an excellent way for the children to make their own craft and share with others.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- December 3 – 14 – Students may bring in Pop Can Tabs for collection to needy.
- December 5 – Elementary Reading Competition
- December 6 – St. Nicholas Day – Mass with Bishop Mark – **Students wear RICH t-shirts.**
- December 7 – Last Day for **Special Orders for SCRIP** to be ordered and arrive before Christmas. SCRIP may be purchased from 9:30 – 2:30 daily. Thank you so much for your constant support for this program.
- December 7, 14 and 21 – Casual Fridays – See above
- December 11 – PFS Pick-up for Hoagies 2:30 – 5:00 at the Community Center
- December 12 and 13 – PFS Christmas Surprise
- December 14 – Act 80 ½ day – Bussing provided
- December 16 – Christmas Caroling around Nicktown – 2:00 p.m. – more information to follow
- December 17- 21- Festive Dress Days – See above
- December 18 – NCCS Christmas Concert – 7:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Church
- December 19 – Ugly Sweater Contest Day
- December 20 – Grades 6-7-8 will Christmas Carol at various homes.
- DECEMBER 21 - the last day of school before Christmas Break. There will be bussing provided with dismissal @ 12:10 p.m
- **January 2 – Classes will be held as a snow make-up day.**

