

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School
Newsletter

DECEMBER 8, 2009



Advent is an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.~Pope John Paul II

FALL FEST: The Fall Fest Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all Room Moms and parents who so graciously donated your time and talents to make this year's Fall Fest such a tremendous success. Our children had a great day! Thanks also to the Arton family who so generously donated lunch for our volunteers, and to the Lanier family who donated their tractor and trailer for the hayride. We would also like to thank the students, who were so well-behaved, and it was noticed by both our visiting clown, and the Saints organization. It makes such a statement when others visit our school and tell us just how wonderful our students really are! We are truly very blessed!

Thanks also to Wendy Robinson, Pam Jones, Letha Tepper, Colleen Weimer, and Karen Bertucci, who did such a wonderful job making sure everything went smoothly and happily.

CALENDAR ARTWORK: Keep those pictures coming - we are especially looking for participation from the older grades. Remember, when drawing your pictures, using dark pencil or black ink/marker is best due to the final calendar being in black and white.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS BILLBOARD: We are excited to announce that our Co-Op Club has sponsored a billboard reminding everyone of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. Mary, Queen of Peace's billboard is located at 3001 N. Causeway, a prime Metairie location near Lakeside. Look for our board after you cross the lake during the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE: Every year Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish, School, CCS and St. Vincent de Paul work together to adopt several families who are needy for Christmas. If you would like your child to pick a card from the tree this week, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's teacher.

RECIPE SWAP: Kristen Blackburn will be collecting recipes via e-mail (tdale70@yahoo.com) from now until Dec. 11th for a Mom's Club Recipe Swap. If anyone would like to submit a recipe, or would like to receive a copy of the recipes collected, please e-mail Kristen for more information.

BAND NEWS: The Christmas Concert will be held on December 17, 7:00pm in the MQP cafeteria (intermediate and advanced band members only)
Questions? You may contact Ward Smith at (504)909-8499 or wardwellsmith@charter.net

SCHOOL MASS: Because of the feast of the Immaculate Conception today, the children will not be attending Mass again tomorrow, Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Christmas Eve – 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., midnight. Christmas Day – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

COUGARS DINE OUT: Please see the attached flyer and join us for our next Cougars Dine Out night on December 15 at Times Grill. During the busy holiday season, it's nice not to have to cook one night. And Mary, Queen of Peace benefits.

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE: Many thanks to all who contributed to the K4J and 2nd grade Coat and Blanket Drive. We collected over 100 items which were delivered to the homeless in the region and the 2nd graders learned the importance of giving to others in need.

NATIONAL HANDWASHING AWARENESS WEEK: December 6-12th is National Handwashing Awareness Week! The Congregational Health Ministry has provided materials and resources to each class in an effort to raise awareness in our school. In addition, please continue to reinforce healthy habits at home. Visit www.brainpopjr.com or www.henrythehand.com for fun ideas and activities.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Nicholas

Nicholas is the great patron of children and of Christmas giving. He lived in the fourth century. Santa Claus is a Dutch form of the name St. Nicholas. This famous saint was born in Asia Minor, which is modern-day Turkey. After his parents died, he gave all his money to charity. Once, a certain poor man was about to abandon his daughters to a life of sin because they did not have the money needed to get married. Nicholas heard about his problem. He went to the man's house at night and tossed a little pouch of gold through a window. This was for the oldest daughter. He did the same thing for the second daughter. The grateful father kept watch to find out who was being so good to them. When St. Nicholas came a third time, the man recognized him. He thanked Nicholas over and over again. Later St. Nicholas became bishop. He loved justice. It is said that once he saved three innocent men who had been falsely condemned to death. He then turned to their accuser. He made the man admit that he had been offered money to get rid of the three men. St. Nicholas died in Myra, and a great basilica was built over his tomb. Many churches were dedicated in his name. When his relics were brought to Bari, Italy, this city became a famous shrine for pilgrims from all over Europe. Nicholas is the patron of sailors and prisoners, as well as children. With St. Andrew, he is the patron of Russia.

Please remember to call me with any suggestions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jan Daniel Lancaster
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Important Dates:

December 9	No school Mass
December 15	Cougars Dine Out, 5-8PM
December 16	Birthday lunch
December 18	School Mass, 9AM, 11:40 dismissal
December 21	Christmas holidays begin
January 4	School resumes



Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish, School, CCD and St. Vincent de Paul are working to help with Christmas Gifts for those in need. We ask you to help in any way you can.

This weekend after Mass there will be a tree in the foyer of the church with cards for you to choose from. Purchase the gift item on the card and **attach the card to the gift.** **Please do not wrap the gift.** **However, we must have the gift card from the tree for identification.**

Please return the gift to MQP office, church foyer or school by December 14th.

They will be brought to the location for distribution on the 15th please do not be late with your gift.

Thank you for helping with this project.



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If you would like your child to pick a card from the tree this week, before the weekend, please sign below and return this note to your teacher. I know most of the school and CCD children prefer to purchase gifts for children that they can help pick out. Please help as much as you can with this project. So many of us have been blessed in many ways, it is a wonderful blessing for all of us to help those less fortunate, especially the children and elderly. Please be generous.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

My child _____ has permission to pick a gift card from the Giving Tree during school this week. I will return the gift by December 14th.

Parent Signature



COUGARS DINE OUT!

Tuesday December, 15

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND SCHOOL
SPIRIT

5:00-8:00

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!!!

15% OF ALL PURCHASES MADE BY
MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CO-OP.
**Simply write MQPCS on the back of
your receipt.**