

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School Newsletter

DECEMBER 15, 2009



*This very day in David's town your Savior was born – Christ the Lord
Luke 2:11*

BEST WISHES: This Friday, December 18th, Miss Amanda, our pre-k assistant, is getting married! Congratulations, Miss Amanda!

7TH GRADE CHRISTMAS CARD: Please look for our school Christmas card, featuring our 7th grade students, coming home with the students today.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH: This Wednesday is birthday lunch. You are invited to have lunch with your child if his / her birth month is December.

RED AND GREEN DAY: This Thursday is Red and Green Day. Please wear red and green (Christmas) shirts with jeans. Please wear your school sweatshirt and tennis shoes. Thanks!

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE: This Friday is a half day with dismissal at 11:40. Our school Mass will be at 9:00 with our Christmas parties at 10:00. Parents are invited to both! If you would like to take your child with you after the party, please sign your child out in his/her homeroom and, for safety reasons, please leave by 11:15 to make room for the busses. There will be morning and afternoon bus service but there will be no aftercare on Friday. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: This Friday, December 18th, is our annual parish Christmas Pageant. It will be held in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. We are still in need of angels and sheep. This is a simple walk-on part. If your child would like to participate, please come to the parish center on Wednesday at 5:30 to pick up your costume. There will be a dress rehearsal on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

CO-OP MEETING CHANGE: Our co-op meeting originally scheduled for January 26 has been changed to Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

H1N1 – Reminder for those who have signed up for the H1N1 flu shot, it is scheduled for this Thursday, December 17th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents must be present with their children.

FLAG FOOTBALL: This weekend we will host the flag football tournament that got rained-out this past weekend. Please make sure you get a schedule from Mr. Shane to find out what time you play.

BAND NEWS: The Christmas Concert will be held this Thursday, December 17 at 7:00pm in the cafeteria at Mary, Queen of Peace School. The intermediate and advanced band members from Our Lady of the Lake and Mary, Queen of Peace Schools will perform together. Band students should arrive at 6:30pm wearing school uniforms. Questions? Please contact Ward Smith at (504) 909-8499 or wardwellsmith@charter.net

MOM'S CLUB NEWS: Please see the attached flyer for information about upcoming Mom's Club events.

EPIPHANY PARTY: Saturday, January 2, 2010. Fr. Ronnie will host our 12th annual Epiphany Party for Mary, Queen of Peace parishioners. A wonderful evening catered by Benedict's Plantation and music provided by Countdown Sound. Seating is limited. Sign up available in the church foyer. Please contact Charisse Saucier @ 727-1588 / queenieb375@bellsouth.net with any questions.

COUGARS DINE OUT: Please see the attached flyer and join us for our next Cougars Dine Out, tonight, Tuesday, 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.

NO AFTERCARE: There will be no aftercare on January 6th because of Open House.

MOTHER/SON AND DATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE: Save the date....First ever at MQP - Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dance is going to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Come and enjoy an enchanted evening of music and fun with your child(ren). If anyone is interested in planning and/or helping with this event, please contact either Gina Cherry or Ronald Pierson.

BOXTOPS, CAMPBELL'S, & COMMUNITY COFFEE: Don't forget over the holidays - Keep collecting those boxtops and sending them in, they do add up. You can place the Boxtops on the collection sheets or in a Ziploc or envelope. The Campbell's labels and Community Coffee UPC's can also be sent to school in a Ziploc or envelope. Please send these in through your children's teachers. Thanks for your support of these programs.

YEARBOOK: Order your yearbook online before the end of December and save \$5 on the price (\$45)! Log onto <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01039558> or connect via the quick link on the MQPCS website. Thanks to all who have been submitting their photos online. Please submit all photos from the following events by the end of December: beginning of the year photos, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Fall Festival, field trips, clubs or any special awards/honors that your child has received. Log onto images.jostens.com or connect via the quick link on the MQPCS website, (Login ID: 400001320 and password: karen64). Browse to select the photos you wish to upload, click on "image share". Please enter the information about the photo (event and names) and provide a contact name and number. Remember to click "save details" or your pictures will not get uploaded. If you are unable to upload photos, please send original pictures or a disc to Mary Lukas or to me via my son, Joseph Sheehy, in Miss KK Hebert's 3rd grade class. Thanks for all of your efforts. Karen Sheehy (985-845-0447 or tksheehy@bellsouth.net).

LIBRARY READING PROGRAM: The St. Tammany Parish Library will host a Winter Break Reading Program for kids ages 5 to 11 from December 18 to January 9. The program will be conducted solely online. Children may register from their computer at home or visit any branch of the St. Tammany Parish Library to use a computer to register and to keep track of their reading. Participants will pledge to read at least 15 minutes every day over the holiday (minimum is 120 minutes total). Upon reaching the goal, each participant will receive a certificate of achievement and a paperback book. To participate, go to the library's website to register online at www.sttammany.lib.la.us. Record your time reading online and then stop by the library to pick up your prize. The first day to begin will be December 18. Children can register any time up to January 8. Prize can be picked up anytime the goal has been achieved. January 9 will be the last day to complete and pick up prizes. For more information call the Children's Services Office at 985-893-6280 ext. 5.

NOTE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN: This is just a reminder that all library books should be returned to school before the Christmas break. We will resume book checkouts in January. This is a good time to make use of the public library as the program listed above explains.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Lucy - It is believed that this beloved saint lived in Syracuse, Sicily. She was born toward the end of the third century, the daughter of noble and rich parents. Her father died when she was still young. Lucy was a lovely girl, and more than one young noble sought her hand. Her mother arranged for her to marry one whom she thought would make a good husband for Lucy. But the girl would not consent. Lucy had secretly promised Jesus that instead of getting married, she would belong to him alone. She thought of a way to explain her wishes to her mother. She knew her mother was suffering from hemorrhages, which are bouts of bleeding. She convinced her to go with her to the shrine of St. Agatha and pray for her recovery. When God heard their prayers and cured her mother, Lucy told her of her vow to be a bride of Christ. Her mother was convinced and, out of gratitude for her cure, let Lucy follow her vocation. But the young pagan to whom she had promised Lucy was furious. In his bitter anger, he accused Lucy of being a Christian. He threatened her with the frightening torture of being blinded. But Lucy was even willing to lose both her eyes rather than belong to anyone but Jesus. St. Lucy is often shown holding her lovely eyes in the palm of her hand. Jesus rewarded her for her heroic love. He worked a miracle and restored her eyes, more beautiful than ever. A pagan judge tried to send the saint to a house of sinful women. He hoped that Lucy might be tempted to give up her faith in Christ. But when her enemies tried to carry her away, God made her body so heavy that they could not budge her. In the end, she was stabbed to death, becoming a martyr for Jesus in the year 304.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. Jan Daniel Lancaster
(504) 388-5528

Important Dates:

December 15	Cougars Dine Out, 5-8PM
December 16	Birthday lunch
December 16	No school Mass
December 18	School Mass, 9AM, 11:40 dismissal Christmas Pageant – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
December 21	Christmas holidays begin
December 24	Christmas Eve mass – 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., midnight
December 25	Christmas Day mass – 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
January 4	School resumes
January 6	Open house for prospective parents, 7PM



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.**

MQP Mom's Club

Just wanted to let everyone know what the Mom's Club has planned for January!

- Lunch (11 am-1 pm) Corks N Canvas: Wednesday, January 13th; \$35 a person (must be paid in advance), minimum 10 people, limit 35 people.



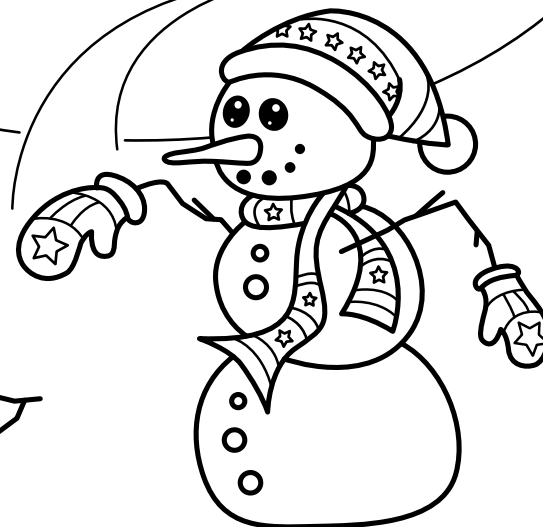
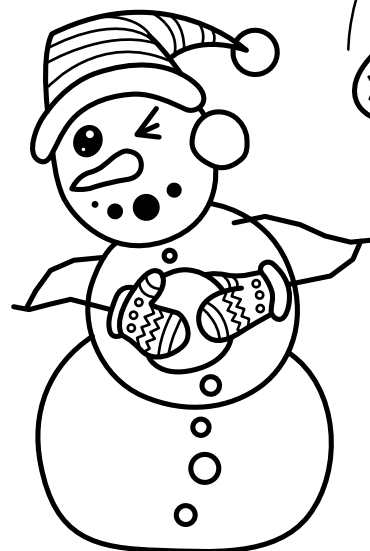
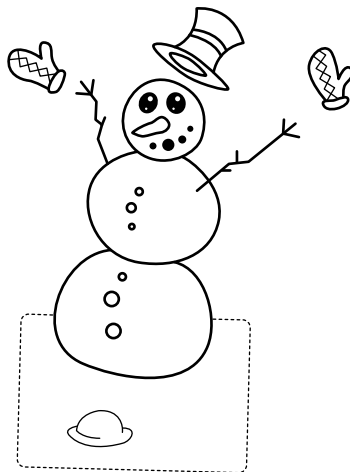
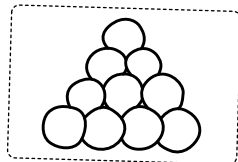
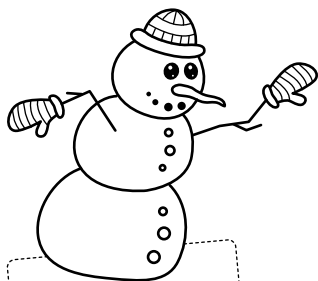
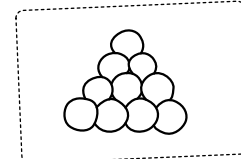
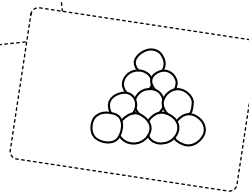
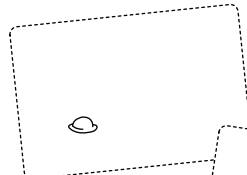
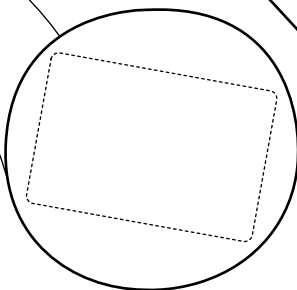
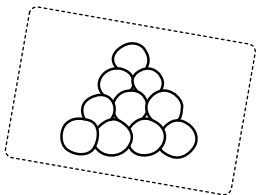
- Habitat for Humanity: Saturday, January 16th, with the church. Builds start at 8 am and go till 3:30pm, but we can choose to leave at noon.
- Night (7:30-9:30 pm) Corks N Canvas: Wednesday, January 20th; \$35 a person (must be paid in advance), minimum 10 people, limit 35 people.



I am going to start asking for a head-count the week that school resumes, however if you KNOW you would like to attend one of the above events, please feel free to e-mail me at tdale70@yahoo.com, and I will contact you with further information.

Thanks and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Kristen Blackburn

HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

NAME _____

GRADE _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____