

Saint Timothy's Tidings

December 15, 2009



Calendar Notes

December 17 - School Penance Service
December 18 – Secret Santa Workshop
December 20 – *Lessons and Carols* – 6:00 PM
December 23 – 11:50 Dismissal – NO AFTER SCHOOL CARES
December 24 to January 3 – Christmas Vacation
January 4 – Classes Resume

Safety Issue

Please refrain from double parking around the school. I have witnessed children being let out of parked cars and crossing the street in the middle of the block. That is an accident waiting to happen. Also you are asked NOT to park in the bus zones on Hawthorne Street. The speed in the Car Loop is frightening. Please watch your speed. These requests are for the safety of our children. Cars are not allowed to enter the schoolyard at arrival or dismissal times.

Calendar

I have included the January calendar in this communication. Our next communication is scheduled for January 5, 2010. I will include an updated January calendar in that communication.

Winter Weather

Saint Timothy Catholic School follows the same closing and emergency dismissal procedures as the other diocesan schools. If the school is closed, opening 2 hours late or closing early due to snow or ice, the information will be announced on **KYW-News Radio-1060 AM**. You should hear something like, "All Philadelphia public and parochial schools are..." and then the announcement. Sometimes they announce diocesan schools instead of parochial schools.

Please have an emergency plan in place for such an event and share this with your children. It is not fair to the students or staff to wait for someone to pick up a child after the announced dismissal time. Please remember the school staff members must also travel in the poor weather conditions. When there is an emergency dismissal due to weather or some other emergency or if you hear, "All after school activities are canceled." there will not be After-School CARES on that day.

The school, rectory and convent do not have additional information on closings. We receive the same announcements via radio. Please do not call to find out information on closings.

Cold Weather, Rain or Snow at AM Arrival

When it becomes bitterly cold or when it is wet outside, we will invite the children into the building at 7:40 AM. Please do not drop your children off earlier than that time. We need to be sure that teachers are available to supervise the children. Children in car loop will enter as usual, bus riders and walkers will be asked to enter through the glass doors on Hawthorne Street. Kindergarten will enter by their usual doors and Pre-K will enter at usual time and place.

Academic Reminder

It is very easy to get caught up in holiday preparation and forget about academic responsibilities. Please help us to remind students that homework, study, tests, and other assignments need their attention. I have been telling the children they can't change yesterday. If they did not do as well as they should have in the last report card, they can start anew.

Christmas Card Contest

Congratulations to **Kayla Baltimore**, grade 8, whose artwork is displayed on our school Christmas card.

Congratulations to the following students who were finalists in the contest:

Amber Adair

Shane Forster

Chelsey Phraner

Taylor Brennan

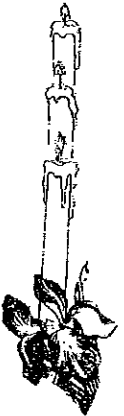
Melanie Machuca

Taylor Reeves

Jose Davila

Thanh Nguyen

Caitlin Reilly-Bickel



H1N1

Thank you to Mrs. Dinan and Mrs. Kilgariff for organizing the H1N1 permission slips and for keeping track of the children.

Many thanks to the nurses (parents and a sister of our children) and the parents who volunteered to help on distribution day.

The vaccinations went smoothly because of these fine people.

Nick's Roast Beef Night

On Monday, February 1, 2010, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM, *Nick's Roast Beef Restaurant* on Cottman Avenue will hold a "Saint Timothy Night" for our parish and school. We will send home more information as the date gets closer.

Parent Conferences

In the second trimester of this school year, parent conferences will be held a week after the report cards are issued. These conferences may be requested by the teachers or the parents. A form will be included in the report card envelope to schedule these conferences. Next year these conferences will be held after the first and second trimester report cards.

New LCD Projectors

We have been informed by the Office of Catholic Education (Government Funding Office) that we will be receiving 6 new LCD projectors to be used by the teachers to project pages, images, videos, etc from their computers. These were ordered in November and should be delivered some time in the next few weeks.

Smart Boards

Due to the success of the *Scholastic Book Fair* held in October, Diane Welsh and Mrs. Susan McCall will be ordering 4 new "Smart Boards" for the school. These are also used in conjunction with the teacher's computer and will be used the students. Thank you once again to these two hard working women and to ALL of the volunteers who made the Book Fair such a great success!

New Information

Please remember to notify the school if you move or change your telephone number. It is important that we have the most current information for each student

Attendance /Lateness

Please remember to call the school office before 9:30 AM to report a child's absence. An absence note is required upon the child's return to school.

Parents are encouraged to insure that the children arrive at school on time each day. A detention will be issued after every 4th lateness. Arriving late for school is a distraction to the teacher and the children.

Please try to instill in your children the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Illnesses

Please keep your child at home if he/she is not feeling well. Please Note: If your child has fever, he/she may not return to school for 24 hours after the fever has broken. He/she must have a normal temperature for at 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

If your child has a **confirmed** case of H1N1 (Swine Flu), please report this to the office when you are calling to report his/her absence.



Santa's Secret Workshop

Last Friday, you should have received information and envelopes about Santa's Secret Workshop. It will be held at Saint Timothy School on Friday, December 18. If you have any questions or if you would like to help, please call Donna Curran (215-624-5151) or Tom Sullivan (215-743-6344)

Shelter - in - Place

There are still students who have not brought in their Shelter-in-Place bag. This should be a small zip-lock bag containing a small bottle of water and a snack. These will be used in the event the school will need to Shelter-in-Place. Please see page 3 of the School Handbook for further information about Shelter-in-Place.

We are in great need of plastic containers to store the provisions. If anyone would like to donate a large plastic container (tub) with a lid, it would be greatly appreciated.

School Liturgies and Prayer Services

Parents, grandparents, guardians, etc. are always invited to attend all or any of our school liturgical celebrations. Please join us!

Calendar Changes

Please make the following changes on the yearly calendar:

April 19, 2010 – **NO Candy Bingo**

May 12, 2020 - **NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARES**

May 24, 2010 - Faculty Retreat should be Friday, May 14, 2010

