

November 21, 2013

Dear Parents,

Next week will be a busy week though a short one here at St. Stan's. Monday, students will all wear their uniforms since class pictures as well as clubs, teams, Pre-K 4 and re take pictures will be taken. No gym uniforms may be worn that day. Also, basketball players and cheerleaders are to bring their uniforms to school.

School will close Wednesday, Nov. 27 at noon. **Please remember there will be no aftercare that day.**

Sunday, December 1, begins the beautiful season of Advent in which we await and ready our hearts for the coming of Jesus. We prepare not just to re-create the coming of the historical Jesus as an infant but we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming to us each day through the Eucharist and through others.

It has been a custom for the children to give Fr. Ken, as pastor, a monetary Christmas gift. If you wish to do so, please send your contribution to the office in an envelope marked. "Fr. Ken's gift."

Please be sure to mark our annual Christmas Bazaar on your calendar. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 beginning at 11AM. The HSA members are very busy preparing for this event. Please support it.

It is important to note a change in our Christmas vacation schedule. **School will reopen on Monday, January 6 rather than Thursday, January 2.**

We wish to acknowledge the 7th grade students who helped out at the soup kitchen last week and again yesterday. They truly are demonstrating what it means to be a "Classy Christian!"

Finally, since there will not be a Thursday envelope next week, the administration, faculty and staff joins with Fr. Ken to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

As we gather together with family and friends this Thanksgiving, perhaps we could pray this prayer of Thanksgiving:

**Gracious God, so much has been bestowed upon us.
We lack for little and yet yearn for so much.
Continue to teach us to appreciate what has come to us as blessing and gift.
Keep on urging and challenging us to share what we have.
Help us to give generously and freely of our bounty.
We offer thanks for all that has been granted to us.
Amen.**

Mrs. Patricia Graham

Principal