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December 2, 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with the laughter and joy felt around the world this time of year. In asking our 1st graders their favorite part of Thanksgiving, the common response was, "PIE!" Now that we are in the season of Advent, the excitement is growing in our students' eyes. We greatly appreciate your support at home in keeping our students on-task as we continue to challenge them each day. As a result of their continued hard work, we will be **dismissing on Wednesday, December 21st at noon!** There will be no after school activities and no After School Care on that day. We look forward to our Advent Program on Wednesday, December 21st at 8:00AM. For a sneak-peek, feel free to join us on Thursdays at 9:30AM during our school Mass!

In continuing with the spirit of Advent, you may have noticed our request for "Giving Tuesday" this past week in a letter that was emailed and on our school Facebook page. Please know that your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Online giving is made very easy by going to the following link:

<http://www.ourladyoflourdesdaytona.com/giving-with-all-your-heart/>

This past Monday, students received free haircuts from **Hair Cuttery** located at 1425 W. Grenada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. Special thanks to Ms. Amy Matzke for organizing and to salon leader, Jackie Carbone and her stylists for donating their gifts and talents!

We are continuing to collect "Socks for St. Nick" in honor of St. Nicholas Day on December 6th. Students are encouraged to buy socks and turn them into Mrs. Sturm by Wednesday, December 7th.

Our Lourdes Academy Student Government leaders were elected last month and have been working diligently on an Advent/Christmas fundraiser! Students will be able to purchase candy canes for \$1.00 to be delivered to their friends! SG leaders visited classrooms today to inform students of the fundraiser that will begin on Monday, December 5th! Students simply fill out the 'Candy Cane Form' (handed out today) to as many students as they want and SG leaders will deliver them on Friday, December 15! We hope every student will participate and spread the joy of the season to all of their friends at Lourdes Academy!

Attached, you will find a form for students that are interested in participating in this year's **Nativity Pageant** at the Christmas Eve masses (4:00, 6:00, & 10:00). If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. Rachel Powell or the school office.

Fr. Phil has also requested the assistance of parents and parishioners to help serve food after the Christmas Eve Masses (after 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00). If you are able to assist, please let us know in the school office, or call the church office directly at 386-255-0433. Thank you for considering!

Best Regards,

Mr. Dole

We believe that the Holy Spirit brings us together to grow in knowledge and faith. We believe that we love the God we cannot see by loving the neighbor we can. We believe that our gifts are given to share. We believe that every thought, word, and action is for the glory of God. We believe that every moment matters.

Find our weekly Homemail and Cafeteria Menus online at www.lourdesacademydaytona.org

See attached pages for more information

Important information and reminders:

- ***December 20th Bella Special Breakfast
Breakfast begins @ 6:45am***
- ***December 21st Advent Program***
- ***December 21st ½ day of school with noon dismissal
No After-School Care***

- ***December 22nd – January 3rd No School***
- ***January 4th Back to school, School begins @ 7:45am***



Lourdes Academy
Annual Sock Drive
for St. Vincent de Paul



Socks for Saint Nick

**NEW SOCKS
ALL ADULT SIZES NEEDED**

PLACE NEW SOCKS IN
CLASSROOM BOXES,
SCHOOL OFFICE OR
MRS. STURM'S CLASSROOM



**NOVEMBER 21
THRU
DECEMBER 7**

Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant 2016

registration form

Would your child like to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant? It's fun and EASY to participate!

First, choose a Mass in which to participate:
(circle one or more!)

4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00PM

Next, we need a little information!

Name of child: _____

Age: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Once we receive your form, you will be provided with a parent information letter. **Thank you** for helping us to celebrate Christmas, and create wonderful memories for our children and parish families!

Students and Parents, please create your own costumes! This is an exciting way to make your own interpretation of the Nativity Scene!

Please return this form to Rachel's Box in the Parish Office!

Feel free to contact us with any questions!
255-0433 or rpowell@lourdesacademy.net