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December 6, 2024

**If you are participating in the Holly Days Parade.** Please line up between 3:45 and 4:15 on the east side of South Chambers Street (opposite side of the street as the post office/Discovery Depot). The parade route ends at the Courthouse. The McAteer Center parking lot would be a great place to park between the parade start and end. Bundle up! **All participants must have some type of light on them. We have candy canes to distribute but please bring additional candy to pass out.** Each family participating will receive 2 service hours.

**Student Absence** If your student misses school due to illness, please remember your child may not return until he/she has been fever-free for 24-hours. Also, students should be free of stomach flu and intestinal flu symptoms for 24-hours before returning to school after an absence.

**Thank you** Costa students raised \$3381.77 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry during the recent food drive. The 2nd grade class earned a pizza party; 1st grade students earned an ice cream party; and the 8th graders received a doughnut party for having the highest amount of donations.

**Chess Club** begins on January 9, 2025, from 2:30-3:00 PM. If you have questions about Chess Club, please contact the school.

### **Important Dates**

12-08-24 Holly Days Parade  
12-09-24 Mass and Confession 8:15 AM  
12-10-24 CCA Meeting @ Knights of Columbus Hall 6:30 PM  
12-11-24 Parking Lot Perks 7:30-8:00 AM  
12-11-24 Book Fair begins  
12-12-24 Band, Choir, and Strings Concert 7:00 PM  
12-15-24 Christmas Programs 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM  
12-15-24 Cookies and Cocoa with Santa 12:30-3:30 PM

**Christmas Programs** will be presented on December 15th in the Costa auditorium. The 1 PM program includes students in grades K, 3, 4, 5. The 2 PM program includes students in grades 1, 2, 4, 5.

Students will have the opportunity to visit Santa during CCA's **Cookies and Cocoa with Santa** on Sunday, December 15, from 12:30-3:30 PM. The last day of the **Blue Ribbon Book Fair** is Sunday, December 15.

**Preschool and Pre Kindergarten Christmas Programs** December 19, 1:30-2:30 PM in the Costa auditorium

**Christmas Countdown Week** for students Preschool-8th grade

- December 16-Christmas hats with school uniform
- December 17-Christmas socks with school uniform
- December 18-Christmas PJs and a Christmas movie
- December 19-Christmas lights with Christmas attire
- December 20-Christmas sweaters or sweatshirts with jeans

**Christmas Parties** for Preschool-5 grade are scheduled for Friday, December 20, from 1-2 PM. Celebrations in grades 6-8 are under the direction of homeroom teachers. **Room parents should contact their child's homeroom teacher *before* making plans.**

### **Winter Weather Reminders**

- It's time to begin wearing winter coats, hats, and gloves. When the snow accumulates, you should expect instructions from your child's homeroom teacher on how to handle snow suits and boots.
- In the event of inclement weather and school closures, you will be notified through Costa's messaging system. Notifications will also appear on Facebook, WQAD Channel 8 and KWQC Channel 6 news, as well as WGIL 1400 AM radio and Galesburg Broadcasting radio stations.

Christ our Light,  
Shine in our lives with hope and promise.  
Give us right vision so that we remain attentive to this holy season.  
Remind us to look for you in small acts of kindness and love.  
We await your coming with wonder.

*Isaiah 30:18 "Truly, the Lord is waiting to be gracious to you, truly, he shall rise to show you mercy; For the Lord is a God of justice: happy are all who wait for him!"*