



St. Rita of Cascia School

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Week 15: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving we also look to Advent. The word “advent” means the coming of a significant event. That event, of course, is the birth of Christ. We often forget to enter into the season of advent with its quiet and waiting, because there is so much taking our attention as we prepare for Christmas. Let’s take on the challenge. Ask your children, from time to time, what they are doing in school to celebrate Advent, and not just Christmas. Perhaps it is driving around and enjoying Christmas lights that will help you and your family have a deeper appreciation for this awesome time of year.

I hope you and your families have a beautiful, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving. Remember to give thanks for all the wonderful blessings we all have in our St. Rita community.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the school office (630) 892-0200 or by email at hbaer@saint-rita.org

Thank you,
God Bless,
Heather Baer

Have a little faith... Google “gratitude research,” and you will discover the many emotional and physical benefits that come from being thankful. Practicing gratitude can make us happier, kinder, and healthier. Clearly gratitude is something we should “do” not just on Thanksgiving, but all year round. As you celebrate your blessings this week, your family might look for ways to keep the gratitude flowing throughout the year. I like this website for ideas that would work with children: Thanksgiving Gratitude Activities: 10 of the Best and Most Meaningful (coffeeandcarpool.com) I hope you know how grateful I am to be a part of the St. Rita family. All of you are a blessing to our school! -Mrs. Heneghan

November/December Calendar of Events:

- Tuesday, Nov 2nd: 9a.m. All-School Mass (6th Grade leads)
***Home/School Meeting at 5:30p.m. in the Library**
- Thursday, December 1st: Panera Restaurant Night Fundraiser *See Flyer Attached
- Friday, December 2nd: 9a.m.-11:30 a.m. PreK-1st Grade Field Trip
- Saturday, December 3rd: 1:30 Crusader Choir singing at Paramount
- Sunday, December 4th: 9a.m.-12p.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa *See Flyer Attached
- Monday, December 5th: Iowa Flex Testing Starts (K-8)
- Tuesday, December 6th: NO 9a.m. Mass
- Wednesday & Thursday, December 7th & 8th:
8th Grade Bake Sale (everything \$1) *See Flyer Attached
- Thursday, December 8th: 9a.m. All School Mass for Immaculate Conception (7th Grade leads)
- Friday, December 9th: \$1 Out of Uniform “Fun”d Day – wear “Holiday Flair” *See Flyer Attached
7p.m.-9p.m. Student Council’s 6th-8th Grade Junior High Dance *See Flyer Attached (RSVP due 12/2)
- Sat & Sun December 10th & 11th: 8th Grade Bake Sale after masses
- Tuesday, December 13th: 9a.m. All School Mass (5th Grade leads) Toy Collection for Marie Wilkinson *See Flyer Attached
- Thursday, December 15th: **NO P.M. Extended Day**
8th Grade Children’s Raffle Day 1 (Tickets 50¢) *See Flyer Attached
6:30 p.m. Christmas Program in Church *See Flyer Attached
H&S Krispy Kreme Sale after Christmas Program (\$10/dozen) *See Flyer Attached
7:30 p.m. Las Posadas Celebration (starts in the church, ends in the gym) *See Flyer & RSVP form Attached
- Friday, December 16th: H&S \$1 Out of Uniform Christmas Sweater Day *See Flyer Attached
8th Grade Children’s Raffle Day 2 (Tickets 50¢) *Winners today!
- Monday, December 19th: 7th/8th Grade Christmas Luncheon
- Tuesday, December 20th: No Uniforms, Pajama Day! *See Flyer Attached
Home and School Donuts, Juice & Milk
Special visit from Santa! **NO P.M. Extended Day**

KINDNESS CHALLENGES:

- ♥ Donate to a giving tree or angel tree.
- ♥ Offer to help someone wrap presents.
- ♥ Go caroling!
- ♥ Visit and offer to decorate nursing homes.

Our school theme:

“Be kind to one another.” -Ephesians 4:32