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Dear Saint Kateri School families,

This past Sunday marked the 1st Sunday of the Advent Season. It begins the time of year when we are *waiting*; waiting for our King to be born and waiting for Joseph and Mary to become parents. At Saint Kateri School the children are involved in many Advent activities and events to help make the waiting easier and more meaningful.

Tomorrow, December 6th we will celebrate St. Nicholas Day. Don't forget to bring in an item for Morning Star foster care home. Needed items can be found on the purple Advent flyer that went home last week. These items will be placed in one of the shoes of every child and the shoe will be placed outside their classroom. When St. Nicholas comes to visit he will remove the item and leave a treat. It's a great Saint Kateri tradition!

We are showing Saint Kateri LOVE this season by doing acts of kindness in our school. Each time a child is caught doing something kind they are given a piece of straw to place in the school manger outside the Main Office. We are trying to make a cozy bed for the baby ~ and I know we can fill it up.

Saint Kateri School is also hosting the Christmas Tea for Seniors. This is an event that is meant to celebrate and spread the Christmas feeling to our Irondequoit Senior Community. Please invite any seniors you think may like to attend, as well as grandmas and grandpas, to come and enjoy sweet treats and songs but mostly to be with our children. Contact the Main Office at 467-8730 or Bridget.Miller@dor.org to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

Included on the purple Advent flyer are suggestions for items to bring in for the Christmas Tea. All seniors attending the Tea will go home with a small gift. Each time a child brings in a gift to share for the Christmas Tea they will get a heart to decorate and place on our school Christmas tree in the main hallway. I love all the decorated hearts and that each one shows our Saint Kateri LOVE!

Mark your calendars ~ and tell your friends ~ about Saint Kateri School's Preschool and Kindergarten Information Nights. We are offering opportunities for families to come learn about what Saint Kateri School has to offer and to tour the classroom and meet the teachers. Kindergarten Information Night will be held on Thursday, January 17th and Preschool Information Night will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Last Friday I had the honor of announcing the Walk-A-Thon winners! With the support of our Saint Kateri School families and community donors we were able to raise over \$12,900 for Saint Kateri School. Congratulations to the students who were the top fundraisers. Mrs. Wilson's class (K-5 winner) will be having a Pizza Party and Mrs. Gašić's (Preschool winner) class will be having an Ice Cream Party for the class bringing in the most Walk-A-Thon donations

This past weekend we were also made aware of the leaving of our Basilian priests from Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. They have been such a blessing to our parish and to our school. While we are saddened by this transition, we are not without hope as we are on a good path and doing the important work of Jesus. I am including the letter that went to Saint Kateri parishioners from Bishop Matano last weekend, as well as my personal letter.

May you be able to slow down this Advent season and truly appreciate the gift of Jesus that we were given. We are SO blessed!

Prayerfully yours,

Mrs. Terri Morgan
Principal

We are praying
for the following
Saint Kateri School
families this week:

- Altieri
- Blocker
- Claudio
- Davis
- Eveland
- Fisher
- Gallagher
- Herlehy
- Ingrassia
- James
- Kremer
- Lopez
- Shaw
- Mayer
- Cavalleri
- Cairaway

Mark Your Calendars:

Spirit Day	12/5
Holiday Gift Shop	12/6-12/7
St. Nicholas Day	12/6
Immaculate Conception	12/8
2nd Sunday of Advent	12/9
Christmas Concert	
• Preschool – 5 th grade @ 1:15pm	12/13
• K – 5 th grade @ 7:00pm	12/13
Hot Lunch Order due (9:00am)	12/14
3rd Sunday of Advent	12/16
Christmas Tea	12/19
Advent Prayer Service @ 9:15am	12/21
4th Sunday of Advent	12/23
Christmas Break	12/22-1/1
School reopens	1/2
Spirit Day	1/2

