



December 4, 2019

Dear Saint Kateri School families,

What a great time to be at Saint Kateri School! As we begin this Advent season, we are asked to be patient but hopeful as we wait for the birth of the baby. It is a very busy time for all of us and we are being pulled in many directions; by our children, our families and possibly by our jobs. It is important to take some time in the midst of all this busy-ness to slow down, take in the Christmas Spirit and revel in the simple pleasures of all we have to be grateful for. We are very lucky to be able to share this time with our children and experience firsthand all that is magical about this birth.

Remember our Advent festivities this week include collecting items for Bethany House, it is the season of giving. Students will put their items in the hallway, along with one of their shoes, in celebration of St. Nicholas Day. Please bring items to school by this Friday morning. (If your preschool child comes on Tuesday/Thursday only, please bring items on Thursday.)

Holiday Gift Shop will take place tomorrow and Friday. This year Kira North, mom of Kindergartener Karmella, is chairing this event for Parent's Association. After running this event so successfully for many years, Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Coffey have decided to pass this tradition onto other volunteers. Thankfully they have been helping with the transition! This two-day event allows all of our students to visit twice and shop for their family members. **S.O.S.** ~ We are very short on volunteers to be here during the day to help students. Please call the Main Office at 467-8730, if you are able to give any of your time to this event.

On November 23rd Mrs. Cleary and I were able to attend the LEGO League competition for our 4th and 5th grade team. I was so impressed by our students and their ability to stay calm when things didn't go as planned, to cheer on their teammates at the table, to work as a team and to represent Saint Kateri School in such a positive way. I was impressed, but not surprised ~ you can witness this behavior every day around school if you are looking for it. These boys and girls competed against teams much older, who have been competing longer. They came away with 2nd place in the robot game and won a certificate for Creativity. Way to go!

I am excited to say that the 10th Annual Walk-A-Thon donation totals have been counted and we are ready to announce that our Saint Kateri School community raised \$12,000 in support of our S.T.E.A.M. Lab! Thank you again for all who made this possible; to our volunteers and our families and to our sponsors, near and far. This fundraiser will bless our students with creative and tech forward materials to explore and build with in the new Lab space. Thank you!

Thank you for your support in making our Scholastic Book Fair a success. The students get so excited to have their turn at the Book Fair and we love seeing our students SO excited about reading ~ Thank you to Mrs. Gray for all the work she does to plan and carry out this big event!

Yesterday Saint Kateri School launched a new design to the website. We have been working with the DOR Department of Catholic Schools to update and simplify the website. The purpose of the redesign is to appeal to prospective families of our school but to also be easily navigated by our current families. I would love to hear what you think and any feedback that you have ~ we want it to be the best it can be.

Thank you for all you do for your child and Saint Kateri School!

God bless ~

Terri L. Morgan
Principal



4th and 5th grade LEGO League Team

Mark Your Calendars:

Spirit Day	12/4
January Hot Lunch opens	12/4
2 nd Week of Advent	12/8
Quiet Mass (4 th /1 st)	12/10
January Hot Lunch closes @ 9:30am	12/11
Christmas Concert ~	12/12
PK-5 th @ 1:00pm and K-5 th @ 7:00pm	
3 rd Week of Advent	12/15
Quiet Mass (3 rd /K)	12/17
Senior Tea @ 1:00pm	12/18
Advent Prayer Service @ 9:15am	12/20
Christmas Recess	12/21/19 to 1/5/20

January 2020

School reopens	1/6
Preschool Information Night @ 6:00pm	1/21
Kindergarten Information Night @ 6:00pm	1/23
SKS Walk-Through for New Families	1/28
• 9:30-11:00am	



On Monday, November 25th Saint Kateri School had 17 volunteers from Bishop Kearney. These students chose us for their Day of Service! They helped in classrooms and prepared materials for many of our Advent festivities. They were a huge help to us, and I think they had fun as well!