

## ST. ROBERT SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER – Friday, 12-9-22



***Dear Lord,** Let these days before Christmas be full of wonder and joy in this house. I am in a dither again – but help me remember that the nicest gift I can give my children is Christmas itself. Give me patience to help them make presents and the restraint to let them wrap the presents all by themselves. Let me love enough to invite small hands to participate in the ritual of making Christmas cookies. Let me find time to help them remember others whose Christmas may be scant this year. Father, a birthday is a childhood's big event. Help me teach my children what **JESUS' BIRTHDAY IS ALL ABOUT**. I cannot just tell them how love came down that first Christmas – Help me show them, and when they think of Christmas, let them think of **YOU**. **Amen***

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK** – Christmas Spirit Week is December 12-16. Jeans may be worn and there is no charge for any of the events. A flyer with more detailed information was sent home this week.

**REMINDER** – All Snow Mail orders are due on Monday, 12/12.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** -- The Senior Center (downtown Flushing) has a "Christmas Tea" scheduled for their senior citizens on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. They have asked if our students would sing for them that afternoon. Students will be walking to the Senior Center Monday afternoon and will need to have a completed permission slip on file for each student to be able to attend. Mrs. Bushey emailed a link to the permission slip yesterday. The permission slip can also be found at [bit.ly/3BmimDM](https://bit.ly/3BmimDM).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – We will have our next "Early Release Day" on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. School will be dismissed at 12:45pm. Teachers will be using the extra time in the afternoon for professional development. Busing and ESP are available on all Early Release Days.

**ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Thursday, 12/15 at 8:30 am. Come join us in our final school celebration of 2022, as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT for the people who love to support Catholic Education?** How about a ticket to the St. Robert Superdraw? Only 1000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, and proceeds will benefit St. Robert Catholic School. Prizes are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place \$20,000 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$10,000 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$5,000 / 4<sup>th</sup> Place \$1,000 / 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Place \$500**

Stop in to the School or Parish Office or see a school family for tickets. Superdraw 2023 is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on the Best Party in Town!

**CHRISTMAS VACATION** – Just a note, Christmas Vacation **begins** Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2022.

**DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE** – A Winter Wonderland Dance will be held in the Activity Center on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. The cost is \$15 per child (dad/uncle/etc. free), with a \$40 max per family. RSVPs and payment are due Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTHER/SON DAY** – Join us on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm for an epic experience at Epic Gymnastics! The cost is \$15 per child (mom/aunt/etc. free), with a \$40 max per family. The cost includes admission and light refreshments. RSVPs and payment are due no later than Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS ON FRIDAY, 12/16**

- ❖ **Family Christmas Tea** – Join us at 1:15pm in the Activity Center to catch up with old friends, meet some new friends, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas over a warm cup of coffee or tea.
- ❖ **Christmas Sing-a-Long** – Teachers and students will join parents in the Gym at 2pm for this fun Christmas sing-a-long.
- ❖ **Students will be dismissed** to parents immediately following the sing-a-long.



**This will be the last newsletter before Christmas Vacation. We would like to wish all of our school families and staff a most Holy and Happy Christmas! May you have many blessings in the year to come. The next newsletter will be coming your way in January 2023.**

**Mrs. Bushey, Mrs. Bobalik & Ms. Walker**

# Whose birthday is it, anyway?



*We believe the important news at Christmas is not who comes down the chimney, but who came down from heaven. We invite you to come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.*



Mass Schedule for St. Robert Bellarmine Church & Good Shepherd Church

## Christmas Eve (12/24)

**4:00pm** (incense free)

**11:00pm** (incense used)

**4:00pm** at Good Shepherd Church

**NO 5pm Mass**

## Christmas Day (12/25)

**8:30am** (incense free)

**10:30am** (incense used)

**11:15am** at Good Shepherd Church

**No 6pm Mass**

**TOYS NEEDED** – Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties is in need of toys to give out on Christmas Day at their Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen. They are looking for toys for all ages for boys and girls. Contact John at [jmanse@ccsgc.org](mailto:jmanse@ccsgc.org) to arrange delivery or for more information.

**CANDLEWALK THANK YOU** – Thanks to everyone who made St. Robert shine during this year's Candlewalk! From the lights, to the music, to the Nativity displays, to the food, and to all of the fun. It was a great event! A special thanks to the Parish Life Commission for their Warming Station, the K of C and all their efforts, our Music Ministry for their caroling, to our Maintenance Department for the trees and the lights, to our school families, to everyone who volunteered their Nativity Scene displays and to all who helped to have Candlewalk run so smoothly! A special thank you goes out to those who were part of the planning team: Fred Fras, Terri Witt, Joe Cozart, Agnes Taylor, Nancy Morgan, Marianne Goergen, Joan Clark, Bob Vance, Sarah Bushey, and Jon and Mary Smith! Thanks for all your efforts! St. Robert really helped the Flushing community shine!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, 12/12	<b>Christmassy Hat / Headband Day (free)</b> Snow Mail Orders due 12:30-1:45pm, Sr. Center Caroling
Tuesday, 12/13	<b>Pajama Day (free)</b>
Wednesday, 12/14	<b>Early Release Day</b> <b>12:45pm Dismissal</b> <b>YES</b> – We will have Take Home Buses <b>Ugly Sweater Day (free)</b> 1-4pm, Staff Meeting (MC)
Thursday, 12/15	<b>Wear Red/Green Day (free)</b> 8:30am, Mass
Friday, 12/16	<b>Christmas Shirt Day (free)</b> Snow Mail delivered Daddy/Daughter Dance RSVPs due Mother/Son Day RSVPs due 1:15pm, Family Christmas Tea (Activity Center) 2pm, Christmas Sing-a-Long (Gym)

