

WHAT'S HAPPENING at ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

December 11, 2009

St. Rita Catholic School is committed to teaching authentic Catholic Christian doctrine, nurturing each child in a holy and safe environment by promoting the highest standards in education and self-discipline.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 19- Jan.3- Christmas Break
Jan. 4- School Resumes
Jan. 18-No School-MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 20- Report Cards

Advent Concert



We Shall Prepare

Through the stories of Noah, Jesse, Jonah, Moses, and other Old Testament figures, we learn the importance of answering God's call.

Friday, December 11, 2009
At 7:00PM

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of music as we prepare for the Christmas season. Every child in the entire school is expected to take part in our concert. **All students should be dropped off in their homeroom by 6:40pm. Music Ministry will meet in Lampe Hall at 6:30pm.**

Required attire:

All students are to be dressed in their **finest church clothes** (ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS).

NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?



Help Wanted!

The St. Rita Cafeteria has an immediate opening for a dishwasher/server. The hours are 11:00am-1:30pm. For additional information contact Ellen Schwab @ 277-5343.

School Liturgies

Mass is held on Fridays at 8:30AM in the church. All parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members are always welcome to join in our weekly school liturgy.



Advent: Prepare the Way

These are the words of John the Baptist who cried out in the desert for everyone to turn back to God and be baptized. The prophet John the Baptist is one of the voices of Advent who reminds us that we must turn to the Lord, open our hearts, and prepare the way for Jesus not just at Christmas, but everyday of our lives.

We have now entered the Advent Season. This is a season of waiting, not just sitting and waiting, but preparing and reflecting on our relationship with God. So during the season of Advent we take the time to read Scripture, extend our prayer time, and find new ways of spending time building our relationship with Jesus so that on Christmas we are changed because we have grown in our relationship with him.

Our school day starts with quiet music, prayer around the Advent candle, and a 2-3 minute reflection from our Advent video. These small video segments tell about the meanings of different Advent and Christmas symbols. Students also spend time in Religion class learning about all of the prophets who foretold the birth of the Messiah. Each student in grades 2-8 has an Advent booklet with interesting facts and information as well as fun ways to help the students remember these facts. We encourage you to spend time this Advent season with your family in prayer. May God bless you this blessed Advent Season!

Advent Service Project

Help us to remember the very special birth of Jesus, our King and Savior by helping to support other babies.

St. Vincent Hotel has a great need for baby items such as:

- Bottles
- Baby formula
- Wipes
- Baby blankets
- Baby clothes
- Toddler clothing



Bring in your items and place them in or around the cradle in the Cascia Center from **Monday, November 30th - Friday, December 18th**. We thank you in advance for helping other children during this time of year. God Bless you as you prepare for Christmas.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive

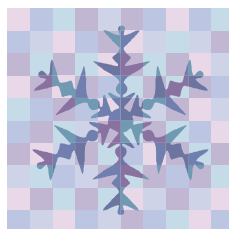


St. Rita Catholic School has a longstanding tradition of helping those in need by giving canned food items to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Please send food items into school with your child. The junior high will collect these and bring them up in the offertory during our school Mass. After Mass, these will be placed in the pantry for those who are in need. *We will also encourage you to remember the poor and those in need during your family prayer times.*

SPANISH CLUB IS COMING TO ST. RITA

Starting third quarter, we will have 10 slots available for students in Grades 5 through 8 to learn more about Spanish through the Rosetta Stone Spanish program that we have purchased and installed on our computers. Spanish club will meet from 3-4pm on Thursday afternoons. If interested, please call Mrs. Menker in the school office, 277-8978. Further information will be sent home with the interested students.



H1N1 immunizations Monday, December 14

Dayton & Montgomery County will begin vaccinating the general public (in addition to the targeted groups) for the H1N1 flu virus beginning **Monday, December 14 from 1-7 p.m. at Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., Trotwood.**

Children under age 10 who received their initial H1N1 vaccination, on or prior to November 16, are eligible to receive their second dose of the vaccine at this clinic. Two doses of the H1N1 vaccine are required for children under age 10 to be fully protected. Participants at the clinic will be required to complete a flu vaccination consent form. This form is available for download at phdmc.org and will also be available at the clinic. These vaccination consent forms are also available at local libraries in Montgomery County. After you are immunized, it normally takes about two weeks to be fully protected. Therefore, it is important to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Additional information about upcoming H1N1 clinics can be found at phdmc.org or by calling the flu information line at 224-8796.

Cold Weather Recess



Students have been coming to school without proper cold weather wear for outdoor recess. Please be sure your children are dressed for the cold weather. Children need to have a winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves.