

# Our Lady of Lourdes School Weekly Review/Preview

December 9, 2011

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**Dates to Remember:**

- Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** – Last day for Canned Food Drive
- Tues. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** – See's Candy Pickup 3- 5pm
- Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Mass 9 am  
Each family bring an unwrapped item for our toy drive to Mass SAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Family Liturgy – 10 am

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Dear Parents,

*Advent Season is a season of hope and anticipation for Christmas Day when the Christ Child will again bring His message of Love. Jesus is our loving Lord and Judge at the end of time. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, when he came into the world as our Lord and Savior. And we anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith every day, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist and in our acts of love, charity, and justice toward others.*

*You no doubt have your own traditions that honor Jesus in your home at this time of year. Here is a suggestion of something else you can do during Advent that will show your child that you put Christ in the center of your life. Every night at your child's bedtime, or first thing each morning, make a small cross on your child's forehead with your thumb. That's all. This simple and silent – yet meaningful and powerful – motion says volumes about Christ being the center of not only this season but your entire life. You may find that this simple gesture is something you want to do throughout your child's growing-up years. Your child will never forget this simple daily parental blessing.*



*May you and your family have a meaningful Advent and joyous Christmas Season.*

Yours in Christ,  
Barbara Genera

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – School Christmas Program Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm followed by Dessert potluck
- Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Class parties- 12 pm dismissal  
No extended after 12 pm
- Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Vacation –
- Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Inservice
- Classes resume on Tues. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

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## 1. Christmas Program

Our Christmas program is on Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. It will be followed by a dessert potluck. All families are requested to bring a dessert – preferably cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and breads – items that can be eaten without a fork or spoon. The potluck will follow immediately after the program.

If students need to wear something specific for the program the classroom teacher will let you know.

## 2. Daily Class Schedule Change beginning in January - Diocesan Request - repeat

Starting in January we will start school at 8 am instead of 8:15. Students can still be dropped off at 7:30 for extended. Students not going to extended should arrive between 7:55 and 8:00 am for line up. Students will wait in the lineup area until the bell rings. We will do our line up at 8 am. There will not be any play time before school. One teacher will be outside at 7:55 to keep an eye on students waiting for the bell at line up. Remember – students arriving before 7:55 must go to extended and you will be billed.

On every Wednesday beginning in January we will dismiss at 2 pm. Students already going to extended and pay a monthly fee will not be affected by this change. Students new to extended or who pay by the hour will be charged for this extra hour.

We are making this change to allow for the teachers to meet for one hour every Wednesday in Data Teams. These teams will address school improvement needed in the area of curriculum. The teams will use the data from testing to uncover grade-level strengths and weakness. They will use this data to build curriculum calendars and teach those skills that students were weak. Teachers can do this better by collaborating with each other instead of working in isolation. The early start time will make up for the instructional time lost when we dismiss early every Wednesday.

### 3. Tuition and Extended Fees

The school is in need of all parents paying their tuition and extended bills on time. Delaying your payments for a month is a real hardship for the school. We cannot delay paying wages to our teachers and staff or their benefits. You would not like to have your salary payment delayed because your boss does not have enough money for the payment. Every time parents are delinquent on their tuition or extended it makes it more and more difficult for the school to pay our staff. Please be prompt and on time with your payments. Every late payment, even just one, has an effect on our budget.

### 4. See's Candy

We have extra 1 pound boxes of See's candy for \$16.50 in the office. We have assorted chocolates, milk chocolates, and nuts and chews. If you need more See's Candy or forgot to place an order, come by the school office.

### 5. Fundraising and Hour Statement

Fundraising, Fundraising Hours, and Volunteer Hour statements are being sent home today in the student's white envelopes. The fundraising statement does not include the raffle tickets sold for the Catholic Ladies or the Krispy Kreme Donuts. Those will be added.

If you see anything that might be missing from any of your statements you must send in written corrections by January 13<sup>th</sup>. Any corrections after that date will not be accepted.

### 6. Krispy Cream Donut Sale

Thanks you to all those who purchased Krispy Kreme donuts and to Gretchen Carrere who put everything together for this sale.

### 7. November Citizens

The following students received a certificate at Mass this week for their quality of "Peace" during the month of November. They are: Luke Kalfsbeek, Elle Faris, Michael Harris, Georgia Guinn, Timothy Walsh, Carleigh Castillo, Korey Wayman, Brady Bolley, Nekiya Bryant, Gracie Myers, Sophia Stocks, Jeanette Meraz, Spencer Stocks, and Larissa Ramirez.

Congratulations!

### 8. Toy Drive - repeat

Please see the attached flyer regarding the toy drive for Children's Protective Services in Colusa County. Items are needed for children from ages 7 to 15. We request one item per family, not per child. Please have the students bring the unwrapped items to our school Mass on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 9. Canned Food Drive

The canned food drive is underway! All students can bring in non-perishable items to their classrooms to be placed in the Canned Food Drive boxes anytime until December 12th. These canned food items are placed in Christmas baskets for families in need in our local community. The class with the highest average of donations will win an ice cream party!

### Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels

Don't forget to continue to save you General Mills Box Tops and soup labels. Bring them to the school office. We get cash for the Box Tops and equipment with the labels.



### Preview

#### *Mrs. Hodges-PS/PK:*

This week we decorated our giant gingerbread men, studied the letter "Nn", worked on number recognition and number representation, and baked some delicious pretzel letters. Next week we will study the letter "Mm", practice lacing up our stockings, and begin working on our family Christmas presents!

#### *Mrs. Hester-K:*

Next week in math we will be working on measuring length and weight. In language arts will be reviewing all of the consonants we've

learned so far: c, m, n, s, p, t, l, f. Sharing schedule: Monday-Bring something that starts with m or n. Tuesday-Bring something that starts with s or c. Wednesday-Bring something that starts with t or f. Friday-Bring something that starts with p or l. We will also be decorating our Christmas tree costumes for the Christmas play so if you have any ornaments, tinsel, garland, strings of beads, etc., please send them by Thursday. Thanks for all of the cardboard boxes!

***Mrs. Croghan-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:***

Wow, it is already time to be thinking about First/Second grades' Christmas party! The party will be on Thursday, December 22. Crafts will begin about 11:00, followed by a luncheon at 11:45. Recess will be to 12:15. Then, crafts again until approximately 2:15, when we will have party treats. A sign-up will be on the door by next Monday.

I am moving the Advent test to Thursday, December 22, right after Mass. Study Guides for Social Studies and Religion have already been sent home. If you need another copy, let me know and I will email it to you. The Advent test in Religion will be December 22nd and the Government test in Social Studies will be the week of January 16th.

***Mrs. Walsh-3<sup>rd</sup>:***

We will be having an Our Lady of Guadalupe feast on Monday, December 12th, at 12:15. It is our first time having a special celebration in her honor. If you have any books or stories you would like to share, please send them with your child on Monday. There is a food sign-up sheet on our classroom door. It looks like there will be a lot of food to try! Please pack your child a light lunch or snack for lunch time on Monday, which will be at its regularly scheduled time. Our chapter 5 social studies test will be taking place on Tuesday, December 13th. It will cover the Cheyenne Native American tribe that lived on the Great Plains. Study items are in the purple social studies folders. Our chapter 3 science test on ecosystems will be on Thursday, December 15th. Study items can be found in the green science folders.

***Ms. Arias-4<sup>th</sup>:***

There will be a quiz in math on Wednesday, December 14 which will cover division with multidigit numbers. There will be a quiz on Thursday, December 15 in grammar on plural and possessive nouns. Our next science test will

be on Thursday, December 15 which will cover our chapter on Ecosystems. We will begin Unit 8 in vocabulary next week. On Monday, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, we will be having a small treat and activity in the morning. The sign-up sheet for our Christmas party is outside of our door. Being that it will be a minimum day and have a student council rally scheduled, we plan on having a small morning treat (hot chocolate and peppermint sticks), decorate cookies, and watch a movie. If there is a parent who would like to come in and help us out that would be great! Thank you, in advance, for your support!!

***Mrs. Vann-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:***

The chapter 26 Religion test will be Friday, December 16th. The words for Friday's Unit 6 Definitions test are: (5th) civilian, duplicate, keen, provoke, vast; (6th) befuddle, boisterous, debut, partisan, vacate.

## Recognition/Review

***Mrs. Croghan-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:***

Renee Wrynski and Chase Carrere have joined our awards board for writing to 1,000. Congratulations! Way to read! Moving into the Ten Point Club is Georgia Guinn! Moving into the Twenty Point Club are John J. C. Duran and Timothy Walsh. READ, READ, READ, these kids love to read!

***Ms. Arias-4<sup>th</sup>:***

Way to go Charles Dunn for scoring a perfect grade on the division quiz this week! Also earning As were: Nekiya Bryant, Mia Critchfield, Liliana Davis, Kirstin Draves, Mary Pat Peterson, Christian Reyna, and Ruby Testerman. Spelling aces on the Unit 7 vocabulary spelling test are: Nekiya Bryant, Mia Critchfield, Scott Davis, Charles Dunn, Ashley Hickel, Christian Reyna and Ruby Testerman. Also earning As were: Liliana Davis, Kirstin Draves, and Grace Meek.

***Mrs. Vann-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:***

Our class knows how to divide and conquer! Liam deWit, Helena Harris, Christian Lyss, Pablo Meraz, Eddy Sandoval, Erik Wrynski, Jeanette Meraz (100%), and Sam Stocks all earned As on the dividing with decimals test! Congratulations to Bridget Walsh for earning the 2nd Trimester AR point's goal!



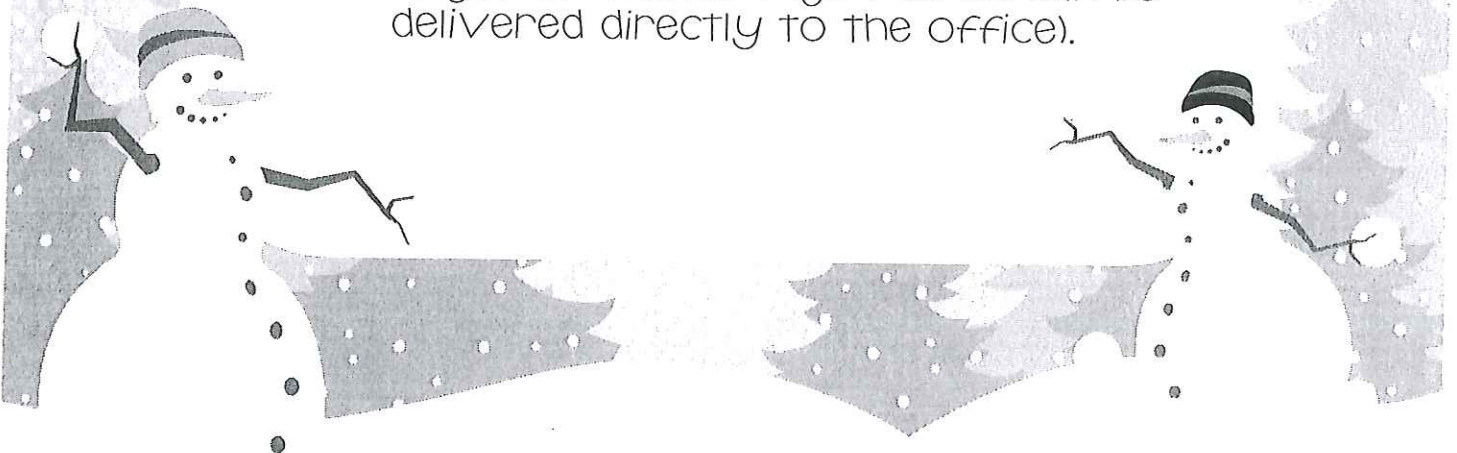
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# Toy Drive

Benefitting children ages 7 to 15 in  
our local community.

Bring UNWRAPPED items to school on  
**Thursday, December 15th**  
to be blessed at Mass, then delivered to the  
local Children's Protective Services.

Suggested items include footballs, soccer balls,  
books, board games, art supplies or gift cards  
to Target or Walmart (gift cards can be  
delivered directly to the office).



*Unto us a Child is Born*



*Unto us a Son is Given*

*Dear Friends,*

*This Christmas Wish List comes to you and hopes of the faculty and students of provides an opportunity for each of you, who desire it, to become intimately involved with the educational mission of the Catholic Church as it is daily lived out here at the parish school. Whatever you can afford to do at this time will be helpful. Together we can continue "to do something beautiful for God," while adding further vitality to our learning environment.*

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*Yours in Christ,*

*Barbara Genera, Principal*

**Preschool:** Mrs. Hodges

Touch Math 2 Learn	\$116.00
Washable Stamp pads	30.00
Set of 40 Stampers	14.00
Self-Adhesive Covering	20.00
Play Dough	44.00
Acrylic Yarn	25.00
Pifaum Gospel Weeklies	190.00

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**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Hester

We Believe Mass Kit	\$ 110.00
20 Books on CD	20.00ea
Art Supplies	100.00
Pifaum Gospel Weeklies	190.00

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**First/Second Grade:** Mrs. Croghan

Deluxe Plastic Desktop Helpers	\$ 41.00
Science Critter Life Cycles	
Worms	36.00
Frogs	60.00
Ants in gel habitat	30.00
Praying Mantis with habitat	22.00
Wireless CD Player w/ headsets	350.00
Catholic Art Works – Saints, Sacraments, Prayer, etc.	310.00
Catholic Child – Reconciliation, Christmas Stories, DVD, etc.	100.00
Read, Write, and Type Online with Wordy Qwerty	300.00
Touch Math – Addition	250.00
Touch Math – Subtraction	250.00
Subscription to abcteach.com	35.00
Accelerated Reading Books	200.00

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**Third Grade:** Mrs. Walsh

Classroom Pencil Sharpener	\$ 62.00
Dry Erase Board –set of 24	95.00
Subscription to enchantlearning.com	25.00
Pifaum Gospel Weeklies	190.00

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**Fourth Grade:** Ms. Arias

Projector Screen	\$ 45.00
Art Supplies	200.00
Solar System Activity Set	53.00
Social Studies Explorers Set	53.00
Historical Non-Fiction CD Read Along Set	190.00
Subscription to edhelper.com	40.00

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**Fifth/Sixth Grade:** Mrs. Vann

Paper Cutter	\$ 45.00
Write on/Wipe Off Answer Bds	74.00
Geometry Poster Set	11.00
Earth Science Poster Set	11.00
Explorer Globe	55.00
History Folder Activities	
American Revolution	18.00
Ancient Egypt	18.00
Moving West	18.00
Basketballs (2)	12.00
Art Supplies	100.00

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**Seventh/Eighth Grade: Mrs. McCullough**

Computer Speakers w/amplifier	\$140.00
USB SD Card Reader	20.00
Scholastic JR Current Events	
Magazine Subscription	175.00
Art Supplies	75.00
Laser Printer	355.00

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**Physical Education: Mrs. Hickel**

Miscellaneous Equipment	\$200.00
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**Extended Program: Mrs. Chalker**

Building Brick People (2)	\$ 48.00
Transportation Project Kit	37.00
Moon Sand (4)	22.00ea
Gemstones	12.00
Pipe Cleaners (Stems)	16.00
Animal Mask	23.00
Diffusing Paper	8.00
Clipboards	12.00
"My Town" Decorating Boxes	16.00

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*We appreciate partial or complete donations for any item. Please specify where your donation should be applied.*

*Wish List 2011*

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