

DECEMBER



Dear Families,

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD! As the calendar changes from November to December, our thoughts turn from Thanksgiving to Christmas. As you walk around the school, you certainly can see that ADVENT is on the minds and in the hearts of the students and faculty of the Academy of St. Adalbert. As a community we are focused on those four weeks of preparation for the coming of Jesus in our lives today, tomorrow, and always. We continue our faith journey together during the Advent season with daily Advent prayers and scripture readings on our morning broadcast, weekly Advent prayer services in our classrooms and as a school community each Tuesday morning, and by celebrating the Eucharist together on Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and on Wednesday, December 21st, our last day before we begin our Christmas vacation.

Giving to others is the way at the Academy of St. Adalbert! Thank you to all those who so generously donated to the canned food drive that was sponsored by our Student Council and our 2nd graders in November. We collected over 1,000 food items and 6 turkeys. Your donations helped feed

many families for Thanksgiving. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Progar, Mrs. Sebastian, Mrs. Klanac, and all of the students and their parents who helped deliver the food to Church Street Ministries.

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. At our 8:30 mass we will celebrate not only Mary, the mother of Jesus, but our Academy of St. Adalbert mothers and grandmothers, too. Mass will be followed by a reception sponsored by our PTU.

On Thursday, December 15th we will be put in the Christmas spirit with our Christmas musical. This is a wonderful Academy tradition and I am looking forward to this performance.

Thank you, again, for sharing your children with us. In the name of the faculty and staff of Academy of St. Adalbert, I wish all of our children and their families a Blessed Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year!

Yours in Jesus, the Master Teacher,

Martha K. Jacobs

**EXPERIENCE
THE ACADEMY OF
ST. ADALBERT!**

Do you know of someone who would like to benefit from an Academy of St. Adalbert education? We would like to share our Good News with them!

On Thursday, January 19, 2012 we will be hosting a Preschool and Kindergarten Preview Day for perspective parents of preschool and kindergarten students. The day will begin with a welcome from Father Barry and myself. Parents will be given a tour of our school and will be able to observe in our preschool or kindergarten. The day will conclude with time to ask questions.

On Sunday, January 22, 2012 we will host an Open House from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for **NEW FAMILIES ONLY**. Student and parent ambassadors will be available to take families on a tour of our school and our teachers will be present to answer questions.

If you have a friend, a neighbor, or a colleague who might be interested in visiting on any of these days, please share this information with them.

EDLINE

With Edline up and running, parents have the ability to view their student's grades at any time! Our teachers are being very diligent about uploading grades EVERY Monday. Most of our families have activated their accounts and are using this resource! **Consequently, we will no longer be sending home progress reports.** Please continue to check Edline to be informed of your son or daughter's progress.

**FEELIN' GOOD
WALKING CLUB**

On Monday, December 15th our students will be able to spend part of their recess time walking. What a great way to get exercise! Please refer to the letter in today's Family Mail for details. Thank you to Cheryl Rickman for organizing this and to Mr. Roberts for measuring the perimeter of our playground.

EARLY RELEASE

On Wednesday, December 21st students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided by all districts. Olmsted Falls students will be released and bussed home at 2:30 p.m. Aftercare will be available from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Early Release Days.

**CHRISTMAS
VACATION**

...begins on Thursday, December 22nd. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

WEATHER

In cold temperatures please remind your children to dress appropriately: winter coat, hat, gloves, and perhaps, a scarf. Boots

should be worn when there is snow on the ground. Please remember that if **Berea City Schools are closed due to bad weather, we are also. If school is closed, there will be no extracurricular activities, such as sports, scouts, etc.** Please listen to the radio and/or the TV for this information.

DID YOU KNOW

...that in November all of our students participated in Eucharistic Devotions?
...that in November the entire student body studied saints?
...that during Advent all of the students in 3rd through 8th grades will receive the sacrament of reconciliation?
...that during Advent we will begin each week with a prayer service that the entire school will attend?

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

All parents are welcome to attend our school Masses and prayer services throughout the year. Our school celebrates the Eucharist together with the parish community each Friday. We would love for you to join us if you can!

DRESS DOWN DAY

Our next dress down day is on Wednesday, December 14th and will benefit our 4th grade. If your child brings in \$1, he or she may dress down in Christmas colors or apparel.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students who earned honors for the 1st Quarter:

FIRST HONORS

Nicholas Taylor	Ian Walton	David Fell
Maggie Klanac	Katy Kwiatkowski	Cara Ashworth
Kayliegh Hahn	Danielle Joseph	Sara Mangan
Sean McCarthy		Tommy Lombardo

SECOND HONORS

Jakob Mihelich	Miranda Greenhill	Alanna Ogunmola
Michael Progar	Courtney Brewer	Shayne Silver-Riskin
	Eion Voll	

To the entire Academy of St. Adalbert community for collecting over 1,000 food items and 6 turkeys to feed others for Thanksgiving. We are truly **A Small School with a BIG Heart!**

THANK YOU

To our PTU for another wonderful Spaghetti Dinner and to all of the parents, teachers, and students who helped that evening. Thank you also to all those who attended the event to support our school.