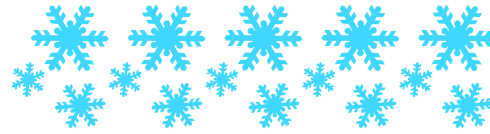
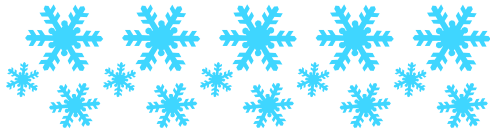


JANUARY



Dear Families,

Welcome to another new year! As we begin the year 2012, our hearts are filled with hope for peace for ourselves, in our families, and in the world and for special blessings for our school community.

Our celebration of Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 is **Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service**. The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith - not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. In these challenging times, this theme reminds us that the dividends of a Catholic education last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future or the future of the world.

Our Catholic Schools Week committee has planned a wonderful week of celebration. The week will begin by celebrating Mass with the

parish community at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 29th. Following Mass we will honor our alumni parents and grandparents with a continental breakfast in the Keller Center. Of course, our school will be open for families and parishioners to tour. We hope to see all of our families there as we begin our celebration of Catholic education.

During January we will be hosting prospective families on two different occasions: at our New Family Open House on Sunday, January 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and our Kindergarten Preview Day on Thursday, January 26th. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in Catholic education, please share the Good News of the Academy of St. Adalbert with them! Tell them ***WE ARE A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART!*** Details are on the school website.

Again, thank you for sharing your children with us. We are truly blessed at the Academy of St. Adalbert to have such fine parents and students. We look forward to celebrating our commitment to Catholic education with you and we thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Yours in Jesus, the Master Teacher,

Martha K. Jacobs

- REPORT CARDS** Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, February 9th. Please sign the report card and return it to your child's teacher by Monday, February 13th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly.
- EARLY RELEASE** On Tuesday, January 10th 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.
- TEACHER INSERVICE DAY** Our teachers will be attending a religion inservice on Friday, January 13th. There will be no school for our students on that day. There is no school on Monday, January 16th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.
- SCIENCE FAIR** Our all school Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 18th. Information was sent home with students in November.
- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** The week of January 29th marks our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year over 7,800 schools will join together to celebrate service in Catholic schools. Our celebration at the Academy of St. Adalbert will begin with Mass at 11:30 a.m.. **Please watch for a flyer with more information about events during the week.**
- REGISTRATION FOR 2012-2013** Forms for registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be sent home in the Family Mail on Thursday, January 26th. Please complete and return them to the school as soon as possible. A registration fee of \$50 per student and a playground monitor fee of \$25 (total \$75) are due at the time of registration. For those who register after March 1st, the registration fee for each student will be \$75 (total \$100). Please register as early as you can so that we can make plans for next year. Thank you!
- DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE** Applications for the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program for the 2012-2013 school year will be available in our school office. Funding for assistance is available through both the Diocese and through the parish, but an application **MUST** be completed in order to be eligible. Forms must be received by March 1, 2012 in order to be considered. If you feel that your family would qualify for financial aid, please take the time to complete an application. We are sympathetic to the burden that tuition causes families and we do not want any child denied a Catholic education due to financial restraints.
- NIGHT AT THE RACES** **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** The next PTU fundraiser, *Night at the Races*, is on Saturday, February 18th. I hope to see many of you there!!!

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please remember that if **Berea City Schools** are closed due to bad weather, the **Academy of St. Adalbert** is also. Please listen to the radio and/or the TV for this information. St. Adalbert - Cleveland is another Catholic school in the city; it is not the Academy!

THANK YOU

I would like to say "thank you" to the following people:

To Mrs. Psenicka, Mrs. Wirtz, Mrs. Corrigan, Mrs. Wetter, Mrs. Hren, Mrs. Bernardone, Mrs. Rog, Mr. McCaffery, Mrs. Deleon, and Mrs. Smith for working so diligently on the marketing committee to share the Good News of the Academy of St. Adalbert.

To our PTU for providing our students with opportunity to shop for Christmas and for the delicious donuts, coffee, and juice which followed the Mothers' mass. We also appreciate all of the wonderful Christmas parties!

To the many parish and school volunteers who provided a wonderful Breakfast with Santa

To all the families who represented the Academy in the *Light Up Berea* parade and to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wirtz for organizing us.

To Mrs. Wetter, Mrs. Hahn, and all of our students for a wonderful celebration of Christmas!

To Mayor Kleem who took time from his busy day to walk with our students to kick-off our Walking Club. A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Rickman and her family for organizing this new club for our school.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Belinda Rickman who had a major role in the production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Cassidy Theater in Parma Hts.

To Nicholas Taylor and Alex Vasquez who excelled on their admissions tests at St. Ignatius High School and have been named Ignatian Scholars. They will receive a Merit Scholarship for this achievement.