

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL REPORT: January 7, 2019

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Happy New Year! I pray that your New Year will be a time of celebrating the lives we live, full of health, joy, and peace.

MISSIONS: During the Advent season, the school bustled with anticipation of the coming of the birth of Christ. Missions continued with a collection of items for the Food2Go program. This collection was initiated and organized by the Junior Optimist Club. Food2Go is a service that provides weekend food to Centerville children who have food insecurities at home. Students are referred by their school counselors and items are sent home in a discreet manner. The Incarnation School community embraced this mission because it was so close to home. A total of 3,571 items were collected during the three week collection. The Food2Go representative said that this was by far the largest donation ever made to the program. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous generosity to local children! To learn more about Food2Go, please follow this link: <https://centervillefood2go.com/>

PROGRAMS: Christmas programs were bountiful during the Advent season! **Mrs. Sherri Masline**, Music Director, and **Mrs. Kristi Erickson**, PE Lead Teacher, worked together to guide our 3rd and 4th grade children to present a lovely musical that centered on characters who shared the beauty of the birth of Christ! **Mrs. Becky Suhr**, Band & Music Teacher and **Mrs. Lois Clond**, Orchestra Teacher, led our 4th through 8th grade children in a delightful Christmas program. The kindergarten students' Christmas program was darling and impressive! The teachers, **Mrs. Lisa Grunder**, **Mrs. Helen Ellis-Jauch**, **Mrs. Smith**, **Mrs. Cavanaugh**, and **Ms. Doslak**, worked for a number of weeks to help the students learn a variety of songs and narrative dialogue that told the story of Christmas.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE: **Mr. Roger Duffy** and **Mrs. Kathy Lammlein** worked together to create a beautiful and spiritually enriching prayer service. Mr. Duffy's words inspired the students as he explained the meaning of Advent and the symbolism behind the candles lit each week. The Advent candles bring the light of hope into our hearts and guide us through trying times. The manger, built last year by **Mr. Denny Lammlein**, was in the lobby again and students added straw to the manger each time they did a good deed. This was a visible reminder of preparation for the coming of Jesus.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK is January 28th - February 3rd. Teachers on the committee are working to plan a celebration of our school, highlighting service through fun and faith-filled activities. The PTO will be providing lunch for the students on Student Appreciation Day before students view music videos they submitted for the fifth annual competition! The Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 30th at St. Luke. The entire parish school community will join parishioners of Incarnation to celebrate Mass as we close Catholic Schools Week on Friday, February 1st at 9:00am.

LETTERS OF INTENT As the budgeting process for the 2019-2020 school year begins, it is necessary to ask all employees what their “intent” for employment will be for the next school year. This will allow the Finance Committee and the school budgeting team to develop a solid budget for the school. A budget in its simplest form, gives a good guess of what money will be needed for an organization, and it impacts the tuition for our families.

The Letters of Intent are also helpful for hiring purposes. When employees let us know at this time that they will not be able to return the following year, we have an early start and a larger groups of applicants. Fortunately for Incarnation School, the turnover is very low, and in many cases, our young parents have returned to work in another capacity after their children begin school!

A survey is also included, and it helps to move the school program in a positive direction. While we cannot use all of the suggestions and recommendations, we are able to use many to improve the school program.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- School Spelling Bee - Thursday, January 17th
- Science Fair - Thursday, January 24th
- PTO Trivia Night - Friday, January 25th
- Catholic Schools' Week - January 27th - February 2nd