



Weekly Words

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.” ~ Luke 2:11

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Dear Parents,

I simply cannot believe we have finished the first semester and come to the Christmas holidays! It seems just a few days ago I was welcoming you back to school. Over these past months I have seen all your children grow in so many ways; I am so proud of them all and hope you are too!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Club for sponsoring our Snow Day last Friday. President Pam Dethloff led this effort, and I am so appreciative. We have been seeking a great family event for parents and children from preschool through middle school, so it was really great to see all the students playing in the snow or drinking hot chocolate while their parents were visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. Thank you for coming and for your positive feedback. Plans are already underway for how we can improve the event next year.

As you can imagine, the high spirits from Snow Day just continued on into this week! The first grade had their Polar Express Pajama Party earlier in the week, and the kindergartners went caroling at Live Oak on Wednesday. Middle school students have been taking exams, and their teachers have been busily grading them. And children of all ages are simply full of excitement about Santa and all the fun of the Christmas season.

This morning we had our annual Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols in Family Chapel. My thanks to Chaplain Kane, Mr. Parsons, Dean Jake, John Scheel, Don Smith, the Altar Guild, and all who assisted in making our worship beautiful and uplifting. The children announced and presented their Advent outreach projects during the service, and I want to thank you all for your support of so many good causes and for helping our children to learn the importance of giving to others and helping those in need. Your generosity was tremendous!

You may have noticed that we have some new trees in the front of the school now. Five elm trees were planted in the parking lot medians to provide canopy shade to the parking lot, and two oaks were planted on the White House lawn. The oaks were given by the school and by the Cathedral's Altar Guild in honor of Paula Slack, recently retired Cathedral Administrator. These trees are part of the Cathedral's long-range landscape master plan, and they will certainly enhance our already beautiful grounds.

I do hope you all have a wonderful Christmas vacation! Enjoy this special time with your families, and we will see you all back in school on January 4!

Chris Carter
Head of School

Focus on . . . Lower School

What's Happening in Lower School!

December is indeed upon us. It is a month filled with wonder and anticipation. A quote that I think embodies this month is from Ada V. Hendricks –

“May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
The heart of Christmas which is love.”

We are so blessed at St. Mark's to be in an environment that places importance on people. I read an article last week in a journal that stated the importance of friendship. I liked it so much I kept it and thought I would share it at this time.

To have good friends you must be a good friend. Here are some of the ways good friends treat each other:

- Good friends listen to each other.
- Good friends don't put each other down or hurt each other's feelings.
- Good friends try to understand each other's feelings and moods.
- Good friends help each other solve problems.
- Good friends give each other compliments.
- Good friends can disagree without hurting each other.
- Good friends are dependable.
- Good friends respect each other.
- Good friends are trustworthy.
- Good friends give each other room to change.
- Good friends care about each other.

Thank you to all the fifth grade students in Ms. Ellington's room who helped with morning carpool.

So during this busy season, please make time for family and friends. This is truly what the season is all about!!

Darlene Ann Fair
Lower School Director

THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 19 – Tuesday, January 3 – Holiday Break

Monday, January 2– No School

Tuesday, January 3 – Teacher Work Day
- No school for students

Wednesday, January 4 –
Lunch Volunteer: Elizabeth Peterson

Thursday, January 5 –
Lunch Volunteer: Cherie Sealy

Friday, January 6 – Epiphany Eucharist at 8 AM Family Chapel
- Geography Bee at 2 PM
Lunch Volunteer: Darcey Pavlick

LUNCH HELP NEEDED

We really need your help!!! Details can be found on the web site sign up. Any questions call or email, Darcey Pavlick-617-3767, dnpavlick@gmail.com

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5TH GRADE PARENTS

The Middle School Informational Meeting and Parents Luncheon will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 11-12:30. An invitation will be sent in January.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Cherise Swander and Ashley Turner for a great Christmas Greenery Sale!

Notes and Notices

8th GRADE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION DATES:

Byrd High School:

Open House – Sunday, January 29 at 2 PM

Magnet High School: Information meeting - January 5 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Open House January 22 from 2 PM – 4 PM

Captain Shreve: Open House February 2



Alpine Camp for Boys
Slideshow Presentation
Thursday, January 19th
7:00 pm

Home of
Greg and Karin Barro
4290 Richmond Avenue
Shreveport



Come meet with Alpine leaders and see old and new friends!
Refreshments will be served. Siblings and friends welcome.

*No experience affords youth a greater opportunity to come to know and love our Creator than **living in His great creation** under the leadership of strong Christians.*

Notes and Notices

Parents' Club News

Thank you to everyone that attended Snow Day!
It would not have been possible without the following:



The Office staff - Jenny, Martha, Jennifer, Tiffany, Sarah and Dr. Carter

Carpool line helpers - Katherine Travis, Chloe Greene, Jake Wood, Drew Dethloff and Courtney Myers

Loyola volunteers

Jay Turner and Carla Marler

Jessica Russo and the 8th grade volunteers

Pam Myers, Amy Hodges, Shawna Wood, Jennifer Beruvides, Melissa Harris, Connie Gerald, Elizabeth Davis and Natalie Bartle

Ms. Vines, Ms. Ellington, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. Walley,
Miss Wedgeworth, Miss Guthrie, Ms. Wiggins and Mrs. Beason

I appreciate all the parents and students for their support and patience!

Merry Christmas and Happy 2012!
Pam Dethloff
Parents' Club President

The faculty and staff of St. Mark's Cathedral School would like to thank the Parents' Club and the following families for their generous contributions toward the purchase of gift cards for each of us: The John Atkins Family, The Greg Barro Family, The John Bartle Family, The Jonathan Davis Family, The David Dethloff Family, The Scott Deupree Family, The Blair Drummond Family, The Creighton Hodges Family, The Ron Miciotto Family, The Byron Myers Family, The Lindsey Reading Family, The William Smith Family, The Robert Stroud Family, The Matthew Wallace Family, and The Geoff Westmoreland Family



*From Our Family to Yours,
Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!*

--Chris, Susan, Isabel, and Colin



January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School	3 No School for students Teacher work day	4 School resumes for students	5	6 Epiphany Eucharist Middle School Geography Bee at 2 PM in the Parish Hall	7
8	9	10	11 5 th Grade Parent Informational Meeting	12 K9 Bake Sale K5 Information Day for SMCS K4 Families- 8-9:30 am	13 All School Open House 9-10:30 AM	14
15	16 MLK Day No School Lions Volunteer Day	17	18	19	20 Middle School dance at St. John's	21
22	23 5 th Grade Honors' Reception Cub Scout meeting at 6 PM in the Parish Hall	24 Middle School Honors' Reception	25	26	27 Middle School dance at First Baptist	28
29	30	31				

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