



**Weekly Message from the Principal,  
Mary Ann McQueen**

**December 16, 2015**

### **Auction Update/Request:**

Our annual Auction is coming up! Donation forms went home this week. Please take them to the places you frequent over the vacation to ask for donations. Many businesses like to get a few more deductions in before the end of the year, so let's take advantage!

And speaking of the upcoming holidays . . . please save any baskets that you receive and will not be using and donate them to the school for the St. Mark Auction in March. The auction committee would greatly appreciate it!!

### **CONCERT NEWS:**

We are so excited for tomorrow's concert! The students have been working hard and having fun rehearsing. Miss Pagryzinski has planned for a full and entertaining program.

Here are a few updates:

**All students will wear their dress uniforms.** Each grade will “embellish” their uniform as indicated below and we are asking each family to provide these items. The Dollar Store or similar retail outlet are good places to find these items:

- TK & K: Angel wings/halos
- 1 & 2: scarves/gloves
- 3 & 4: Santa Hats/Elf Ears
- 5 & 6: Rudolph Noses (red noses)
- 7 & 8: Dress Uniform only

**Arrival:** Please plan to drop your child off to their classroom at 5:30 PM.

**Concert:** The concert begins at 6:30 PM

**Parking:** Parking will be available on the Garfield lot, on the yard and in the neighborhood. Plan to arrive early to park, drop off your child and get a good seat in the church! Please follow the directions and guidelines of those directing traffic on the yard. We want to have a safe and secure parking environment! Thanks!

**During the concert:** Please know that the concert will be videotaped by a skilled parent. We ask that you not stand and block other people's view during the concert or between songs. No iPads for taping, please, as they block the view of others. We ask that you use good judgment and consideration in this regard. My motto is always, ....don't ruin the moment trying to capture it.

**After the Concert:** Please pick up your child from their classroom and check out with the teacher! If you are interested in joining others for refreshments proceed to the lunch area for hot chocolate and cookies. Be aware of your child at this time as there will be people departing the yard and we don't want any children unattended.

**Enjoy the concert!**

**Lost and Found:**

There are many uniform items that are in the school hallway. Please stop by to see if anything is your child's. We also have many water bottles with no names. All items will be given to the used uniform closet if not collected.

**Important Dates:**

There is no school on Friday, December 18 and Monday, January 4. Both are pupil free days but faculty will be in session.

We so appreciate all of the support and assistance throughout this week (and year!)

God bless each and everyone of you! It is such a pleasure to be principal at St. Mark School!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann McQueen