

B.R.A.V.E. Weekly

December 1, 2020

Please refer to the calendar for important dates & FACTS Family Portal for changes.

It is Advent!

Let us celebrate this season of waiting by preparing our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

- **Mass:** December 1, 2nd grade will attend Mass and December 2, 8th grade will attend. Please remember to wear your Mass uniforms.
- **#iGiveCatholic:** International Giving Day is **TODAY!** This year, Catholic Schools around the country will participate. Thank you in advance for participating in this important day of giving! Look for your class color coded "We Gave Catholic" slip with your family name on it and return if you are moved to donate. The class with the highest participation at the end of #iGiveCatholic Giving Day will receive a dress down day. **Click here to donate.**
- **No Chick-fil-A or Jersey Mikes THIS WEEK. Please be sure to pack a lunch!** Fill out your order forms in this Tuesday Folder for next week.
- **CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER:** Thank you for your support throughout our Charleston Wrap fundraiser! Great news ... even though our set window has ended, you can still shop online through December 7 using our unique organization ID: 20624. We will still greatly benefit ... keep shopping and crossing names off your shopping list!
- **The Canned Food Drive was a HUGE success!** 8,483 cans were collected for Helping Hand this year. Thank you to 2nd grade, who won the contest in the lower school by collecting 2,659 cans. 8th grade won in the middle school collecting 1,000 cans with 7th grade on their heels with 828 cans. 5th grade had 1,161 cans with 100% class participation, and 4th grade met and exceeded their challenge with 632 cans. I also believe that Kindergarten collected more than ever before with 905 cans! Our students and families are awesome! Thank you for your kind donations for the needy in our area!
- **Advent Family Festival** is this Saturday, December 5 in the CLC from 11:00am-2:00pm. Bring your children to enjoy activities focused on the season of Advent. Some of our students have entered the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The posters will be judged between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.
- **Student Council will help us celebrate St. Nicholas Day on December 7.** Students in grades K, 1, & 2 will put their shoes out for a special treat and learn all about St. Nicholas and his feast day (December 6).
- **Christmas Art Sale on December 11:** This year, our *teacher elves* have been creating beautiful Christmas art for students to purchase. Please see the emailed flyer with prices of items, and turn in the permission form from the Tuesday Folder for your child to shop. Sales will be billed through FACTS.
- **Please help us by taking a survey:** The Catholic Program Effectiveness surveys are designed to serve as an evaluative tool to measure quality related to the National Catholic Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. The information collected helps our school evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and make improvements as necessary. Please take five minutes to take this survey. The survey will close on Friday, December 4, 2020. Thank you for your time!
- **Masks:** Please be sure your student is wearing a clean mask that fits and has an extra mask in a baggie in their backpack.
- **Jackets and Coats:** It's getting cooler outside. We are asking students to come to school with proper outerwear so they can get much needed time outside to play and have a break from mask-wearing.
- **From the Nurse's Desk:** The change in weather to cooler temperatures brings ideal conditions for illness to spread rapidly. The number of COVID-19 cases is increasing not just in Horry County, but throughout the US. We must remain vigilant in wearing clean face masks, keeping hands washed, and frequently disinfecting surfaces. PLEASE do not send your child to school if they have cold symptoms, fever, diarrhea, loss of taste/smell, cough, or difficulty breathing. If you have any questions or concerns, please email jcunningham@standrewschoolmb.org. Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our St. Andrew community safe and healthy.
- **Help 4 Kids** van will be here next Friday, December 11.
- **TASTE'N THE TOWN ALL YEAR LONG!** *Treat your family to dinner or take-out!*
This week's restaurants are Peace, Love and Little Donuts & Tupelo Honey.



"O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You.
Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me
along the next stretch of road before me."

~ St. Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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