



## Good News from Dr. Bennett... Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>,

2011

### Great Night for Parents Club!

It was a wonderful evening at the December Christmas Club meeting on Wednesday. The crowd was amazing and the food and entertainment were simply special. Thanks to all those who put the program and meal together. Thanks also to all the members of the Parents Club for their generous gifts to us on the staff at CGS.

### Mrs. Claus's Workshop on Monday

Students will be visiting Mrs. Claus's workshop during the day on Monday to purchase gift items for their families. Melissa Geiler may still be looking for volunteers to help with sales all day on Monday. Also, the children will be bringing home their "list" so that they can bring that with them when they shop. The list contains the persons for whom gifts will be bought and the amount that should be spent on each present. Please be sure to complete this list and send it, along with the total amount of money, with your child on Monday morning.

### Nativity Sets on Display

There are over 50 beautiful nativity sets on display in the south nave of the church every afternoon from noon-6:00 until Monday. Docents are there to help with your visit. Many of these are on loan from the University of Dayton's collection.

### Christmas Concert Next Wednesday

I want to invite all of you to join us for the Christmas Concert next Wednesday at 7:00 in the McCormick Center. The lower grade classes will have some very sweet songs to share as well as both choruses and both bands. Usually the beginner band is not ready for this concert, but Mr. Sebescak says that these new students are doing just great and want to perform.

The concert should not last more than an hour, so we invite you to come and stay for the whole concert. I know that this music will help to get you more into the spirit of the Christmas season.

### **Grades 3 & 4 to Atrium**

Our third and fourth graders will make a visit to the Atrium Home, near Four Fountains (on the south beltline) where they will share their beautiful voices with the residents to bring some Christmas cheer. They will be going there on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:30. Thanks to the parents who are helping to transport them and to Mrs. Freuler for leading the songs.

### **PreK and Buddies Take Gingerbread Walk**

Our little PreK students will be taking a walk uptown with their upper grade buddies next week to view all the Gingerbread Walk displays. The exact date will be determined by the weather forecast. This should be a really fun adventure for all of them.

### **No All-School Mass Next Week/ Lincoln Theatre Movie**

Our students who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will have an opportunity for this sacrament next Friday morning, in preparation for Christmas, rather than attending a school Mass. There will be no Mass on the last day of school, when students will be walking to the Lincoln Theatre for our Christmas movie treat from the Parents Club. The movie we will see has been selected and we will see Arthur Christmas on that day. More information will be coming about the opportunity students will have to purchase a soda and popcorn on that day.

### **Pregnancy Care Donations**

The people from the pregnancy Care Center came to pick up the first big load of our donations this week and were overwhelmed by all of your generous hearts. They were especially grateful for the coats, since many families come to the Center in great need of coats for their little ones.

We will still be collecting until Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who has made this effort such a huge success. Our totes in the front hallway were overflowing with

items, as well as many large bagsful piled in front and on top of them. You are awesome!!

### **Follow Up on Fundraiser**

Several folks have asked about the results/profit from our quick little sale of the Entertainment Books this year. We realized a profit of \$2100 and we will use that money for extra technology needs that Mrs. Van Loo may have. It was actually a pretty simple effort. If you didn't want a book or to sell one, just send it back. We did have some families who sold as many as 10 books - how great is that!

I do plan to offer these books again next year. Please remember that if you purchased a book, it is good until Nov. 2012 and that it may be a money saver for gift items during this holiday season. If you have looked through the Entertainment Book, you probably saw many of the businesses that you ALREADY patronize, so just remember to get out your special key card and swipe it at the various businesses. Parents who have SmartPhones may also download an Entertainment Book "app" to find deals and special savings. Just go to [www.entertainment.com/activate](http://www.entertainment.com/activate), with your Entertainment membership card in hand.

### **No After School Care on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

As in years past, we will NOT be offering the After School Care program on our last day before Christmas vacation (Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>). All students will be dismissed that day at 11:00 and arrangements must be made to have each of them picked up at that time.

Also, the ELC students will not be coming on that last day. If parents wish for them to come to the movie that all of us will attend, it is the responsibility of the parent to bring them and sit with them for the movie.

Keep Christ in Christmas,

*Dr. Bennett*

