



Cathedral Grade School

News from the Principal 12/09/09

Students Enjoy New Blessed Mother Film:

The students in grades 5-8 were treated to the preview showing of the newly-released film about Our Lady of Fatima, entitled "The Thirteenth Day" on Tues. at the Lincoln Theatre. It is a beautiful telling of the miracle events back in 1917, as Our Lady appeared to the three children. It was also shown in the undercroft twice that day and evening.

Busy Week Before Christmas Break

This week will be our last days of school until after New Years. We are all looking forward to a nice long restful time. We will all enjoy Mrs. Claus's Workshop on Monday, where the students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for the special people on their Christmas lists. All gifts are priced from \$1.00-\$3.00. I am really looking forward to this, since I have heard that the moms and other parish friends have created the most unique gifts ever found. How lucky for our children to have such a wonderful experience!

The students will enjoy a movie treat next Friday, thanks to our thoughtful Parents Club. All of the children will walk to the Lincoln Theatre to see either the "Princess and the Frog" (grades ELC-grade 3) or "The Christmas Carol" (grades 4-8). This is a great way to spend our last moments before our Christmas break and to have one huge gathering together. Thanks again to the Parents Club for this super gift. Classes will dismiss at 11:00 on that day and there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE THAT DAY – so that all the staff can join together for our own Cathedral school family Christmas luncheon.

We will also have our second out-of-uniform day next Thursday, when the students will be allowed to wear RED, GREEN OR WHITE (for Christmas) along with nice jeans if they wish. All this for a fee of only \$.50 for the Student Council.

Christmas Concert

Tuesday evening will find all of us enjoying the music of the season during our annual concert. All the lower grades classes, the junior and upper grade choruses and the concert band will entertain you all and get everyone in the spirit of Christmas. The concert will be in the McCormick Center, starting at 7:00 and we hope that lots of our families and friends will come to share this magical time. The event should not last more than 70 minutes.

Generous Donors

We are very grateful to those generous parishioners who have made special donations recently to help purchase the new bleachers for the gym and the new crucifix for the gym. Installation of amazing new bleachers will occur during summer vacation.

We will also be looking to renovate our school cafeteria during the summer. A new floor and new tables are very expensive and we are hoping that our most supportive Annual Fund donors will again show their continuing generosity to help us make this project even better.