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## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 5:** Boys BB at Georgetown at 5pm  
**Dec. 6:** Boys BB vs Hollis at 5pm  
**Dec. 7:** Boys BB at Pleasant Hill at 5pm  
**Dec. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
**Dec. 12:** Boys BB vs Pleasant Valley at 5pm  
**Dec. 14:** Boys BB vs Robein at 5pm(7th gr only)  
**Dec. 15:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
**Dec. 18:** Christmas Concert  
**Dec. 20 :** Christmas parties at 2:00pm  
**Dec. 21-Jan 2:** No School – Christmas break  
**Jan. 3:** No school – Faculty Institute  
**Jan. 4:** School resumes  
Boy BB at R- B at 5:30  
**Jan. 8:** Boys BB at S. Pekin at 5:00  
**Jan. 15:** No School - MLK day  
**Jan. 18:** Boys BB vs Bartonville at 5pm  
**Jan. 19:** Boys BB vs LPWB at 5pm  
**Jan. 28- Feb. 3:** Catholic School Week

## *The E-Falcon Newsletter*

Nov. 30, 2023

### Kris Kringle

Just a little about Kris Kringle. Each year all the students in the school, grades K-8 and teacher's names are put in a basket. Students will draw names from the basket for Kris Kringle which will start on Monday, Dec. 11. Kris Kringle gift exchange this year will be as follows: Monday – Desk Decoration, Tuesday – Christmas card, Wednesday - book mark, Thursday - cookie and Friday - candy bar. Each day you will bring the designated item with a clue as to their identity such as the color of eyes or hair, boy or girl, older or younger, etc. but don't give really good clues so that the person has to really think about your identity. It is highly suggested that all items be homemade. Please mark the name of the child (that the gift is going to) on the item. The clue can be written on the tag that identifies the child that they have. The items will secretly be placed in a box outside the recipient's classroom door. On Friday, Dec. 15, the students will have an assembly and reveal the person who they have. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Mrs. Harper in the school office. We will draw names on Dec. 7. It's a lot of fun for all the students.

## Lunch Menu

(Subject to change)

**All lunches include milk**

(Dec. 4 - 8)

Mon., Dec. 4 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit

Tues., Dec. 5 – Pizza boat, broccoli, fruit

Wed., Dec. 6 – Corn dog, fries, peas, fruit

Thurs., Dec. 7 – Walking tacos, corn, fruit

Fri., Dec. 8 – Nacho & cheese, carrots, fruit

(Dec. 11-15)

Mon., Dec., 11 – Chicken sandwich, pasta salad, green beans, fruit

Tues., Dec. 12 – Geo's pizza, chips, fruit

Wed., Dec. 13 - Popcorn chicken, fries, corn, fruit

Thurs., Dec. 14 – Hot dog on bun, baked beans, peas, fruit

Friday, Dec. 15 – Cheese lasagna roll-up, carrots, fruit

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Christmas has become a secular holiday for many, especially children. To combat this, the Knights of Columbus has introduced the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This program will allow youth to engage their creative talent and imagination while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Entries in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image.

The contest is open to all youth between the grade groups of Kindergarten through 8th grade. Contest entrants compete in one of the grade categories: Kindergarten, 1st through 2nd, 3rd through 4th, 5th through 6th, 7th through 8th. Forms are available through Mrs. Bachman.

Completed posters and entry forms can be turned into the St. Mary's Metamora church office by Monday, December 18th. Winners will be announced during the Liturgical Christmas season and will receive a certificate, monies and a handmade rosary. The winners will also advance to the district competition.

Please email Gary Henby at [ccjlean@gmail.com](mailto:ccjlean@gmail.com) with questions..

## Scrip

The next and LAST scrip order before Christmas break will be submitted on Monday, 12/11 by 9am for delivery on Thursday, 12/14. Get those gift cards and earn tuition credit!!

## Have Your Donation Matched 2:1 | Launching November 27

Current Caterpillar Cares Program Participants: In support of Giving Tuesday, the Caterpillar Foundation will provide a limited-time 2:1 match through our Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts Program for global employee and U.S. retiree gifts made starting November 27 through December 1, 2023 (or once the 2:1 match total reaches \$2 million USD - see details below).

What you need to know:

**Gift Minimum:** The gift minimum to qualify is \$25 USD (or local currency equivalent) or more.

**Maximum Match:** Each participant can enter up to \$500 USD (or local currency equivalent) in cumulative donations in the system and the Caterpillar Foundation will match at a 2:1 ratio up to a maximum amount of \$1,000 USD. This is exempt from the standard \$10,000 USD Foundation annual cap.

**U.S. Gift Eligibility:** Gifts to most 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public/private preK-12 schools, as well as United Ways, are eligible for the 2:1 match.

**Outside the U.S. Gift Eligibility:** Recognized and registered with one of the following: UK Charity Commission, Charities Aid Foundation-America (Global), Australian Business Register or Canadian Charities Directorate.

**Overall Program Cap:** The Caterpillar Foundation will match up to \$2 million USD total for gifts made during this timeframe. Once \$2 million USD in match requests has been submitted, the 2:1 match will close and revert back to the standard 1:1 match with \$10,000 USD annual cap per participant.

**Submission Deadline:** Requests must be submitted in the Caterpillar Cares portal by Friday, December 1, 2023 at 11:59pm ET.

**Additional information:** For more details, visit the Matching Gifts site.

Thank you for partnering with the Caterpillar Foundation to make a meaningful impact in our communities!

## Sunday Dec 3rd - Donut Sunday with Santa

Meet & Greet with Photo Opportunity Available. Join us after the 7:30 & 9:30 mass for donuts & fellowship and an opportunity to make Christmas cards that will be delivered to Snyder Village Residents.

## Lourdes Men's Club Sausage Sale ONLY!

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM to 12 Noon .Please call or text Bill Kessling @ [309-645-7795](tel:309-645-7795) if you wish to Pre-Order sausage **NEW Price is \$4.00 per pound (Bulk or Link)** **Last day to pre-order sausage is Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Ahoy, Me Hearties!

Let's set sail for the Blue-Ribbon book fair coming to our school December 11th – 15th. We will start the hunt with a classroom preview on Monday December 11th. On this day students will view the book fair with their class and fill out a “wish list”, that list will be sent home with students. Teachers will also have a “wish list”, so please take this opportunity to thank a teacher and wish them a Merry Christmas with something from their list.

Hours to shop will be:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 3:30pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> *Family night* 3:30pm- 6pm & 7:30am – 6:00pm**

**Closed for lunch daily from 11am – 12:30pm**

Can't attend the book fair with your student? Select a prepaid gift certificate (e-Wallet) through their credit card partners at Square. Simply click the link below and you can select the amount you wish to have available for your student. To help our school volunteers and staff, please print the code number and/or receipt and send that in with your student.

Remember, out of town family and friends can add to your student's account. Simply send the link via email. When someone purchases credit for your student, you'll receive a receipt via email. [Prepay Now](#) for your student's book fair purchases.

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