

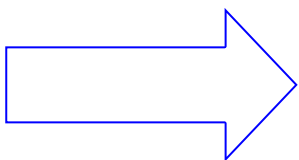


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School News — November 29, 2017

Quick Calendar:

Dec	3	First Sunday of Advent Live Nativity on campus 6pm-8pm Frankfort Frosty race — <i>not too late to join our GS team</i>
	6	Cookie Dough orders delivered St. Nicholas Day
	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception — Mass at 8am Yearbook Contest Submissions Due
	10	Second Sunday of Advent
	12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe — Mass at 8am
	17	Third Sunday of Advent
	19	School Christmas Program — 6:30 in the church
	20	Early Dismissal at Noon — Lunch but no Bus or Aftercare this day

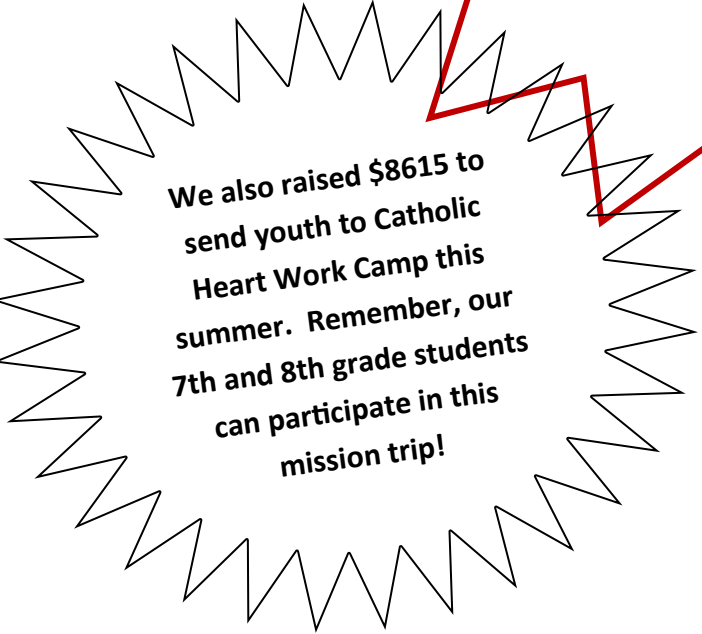
See our church website for details on Advent and Christmas Masses, Penance service, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, etc.



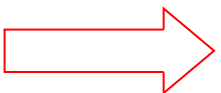
If you did NOT receive a test “snow day” phone call from our automatic message system before Thanksgiving, please contact the school office.



Thanks for Giving on
#GivingTuesday and
spreading the word about
our goal to improve
technology at our school!
**We raised \$3690 toward
our \$20,000 goal!**



We also raised \$8615 to
send youth to Catholic
Heart Work Camp this
summer. Remember, our
7th and 8th grade students
can participate in this
mission trip!



Please remember to call or email the office and/or your student's homeroom teacher if he/she is absent. And be sure to let us know if you will be coming by to pick up make-up work that day.




FAMILY ADVENT CALENDAR 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>December 3</p> <p>Bless your Advent wreath today! Light one of the violet candles marking the season's first week as you sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Have fun making a Jesse tree today! You can add to it every day until Christmas and learn about Jesus's heritage.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Have you started Christmas shopping yet? Consider buying your gifts Fair Trade this year.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Today is the Feast of St. Nicholas, a saint known for giving gifts to the poor. How will you help the poor this Advent season?</p>	<p>7</p> <p>"We have to reach out to others and seek their good" (Pope Francis, <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>, no. 9). Make a list of where you see good in others.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Today we honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, who was born without sin. Take time to pray to her today.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>St. Juan Diego welcomed Our Lady of Guadalupe and did her bidding. Remember him today by praying for immigrants and newcomers to your parish or community.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Light the second violet candle on your Advent wreath today as you pray for all priests and religious brothers and sisters in your parish.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>"If we say that we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 Jn 1:10). Have you gone to confession this Advent?</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe today that she may help us in "bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Today's feast of St. Lucy is marked by pageants and festivals in Scandinavia & Italy. Research an Advent or Christmas custom of your own family's ethnic heritage and try it this year!</p>	<p>14</p> <p>St. John of the Cross, whom we honor today, was known for his deep spirituality and compassion. Make a list of how you help others in your community.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Make it a family movie night tonight! Pick out your favorite Christmas movie and watch it together.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>On this day, Latin Americans begin las Posadas—reenactments of the Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem. Pray for the difficult journeys of migrants and refugees.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>On Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose (pink) candle on the Advent wreath and shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near."</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Start adding the "O Antiphons" into your mealtime or bedtime prayer. Only one more week until Christmas!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Take time today to bless the family crèche. Based on your family's tradition, you may hide the baby Jesus until Christmas morning.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>As Christmas draws nearer and we wrap presents, remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."</p>	<p>21</p> <p>As we draw nearer to Christmas, take a moment to lift up in prayer the struggles faced by neighbors in your community and around the world.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bless your Christmas tree tonight and sing "Silent Night" as a family.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Practice sharing your faith with others by carrying the spirit of evangelization with you into the Christmas season and beyond.</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-4) together as a family and reflect on the gift of Christ's life.</p>	<p>Copyright © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved. Quotes from Pope Francis, copyright © 2013, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. Photo: CNS/Lisa Johnston.</p>					

Find this calendar and other Advent resources at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/index.cfm>



Artwork Due
Dec. 8, 2017

COVER CONTEST

ALL STUDENTS
INVITED TO CREATE
A COVER FOR OUR
17-18 YEARBOOK

**Winner Gets a Free
Yearbook!**

Must Include:

- FULL NAME OF SCHOOL
- SCHOOL YEAR
- DESIGN MUST BE RELATED TO OUR SCHOOL
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK
- 8 1/2 X 11 WHITE COPY PAPER
- NO NAME ON ART
- FORM TURNED IN WITH ARTWORK
- COLORFUL



Students received contest flyers and registration forms today.

Middle School Activities November 27-December 8, 2017

KUNA - KUNA students will meet on Monday, November 27, Wednesday, December 6, and Monday, December 4, from 2:30-3:30PM. Country research and resolution ideas will be the main objectives.

Student Council - Student Council will meet on Thursday, November 30, and Thursday, December 7, from 2:30 - 3:30PM. Service projects and Student Council Christmas party will be on the agenda.

Aegean Service - Aegean Service Club will meet on Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 8. Recycling, cleaning classrooms, and helping teachers prepare for the holidays will be on the schedule.

GSS Press Corps - GSS Press Corps will meet on Friday, December 1, and Friday, December 8, from 2:30-3:30PM. We will work with the new format for the news and have stories chosen from the storyboard and completed prior to the meeting on Friday.

KJHS - KJHS will meet on Tuesday, December 5, from 2:30-3:30PM. Plans for National History Day and Spring Field Trips will be on the agenda as well as plans for judging the annual art contest.

Middle School Academic Team - Middle School Academic team will meet on Wednesday, November 29, and Wednesday, December 6, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the Library.

Service Projects on the Horizon:

The canned food drive for St. Vincent De Paul was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the entire GSCS community. Y-Club members helped gather food and load the trailer transporting the food from GSCS to St. Vincent's. Aegean members were responsible for cutting out over 700 angels for the Advent Giving Trees and helping with several projects around the parish including cleaning out the storage shed between the church and parish office and moving items from the church for cleaning crews. The clubs have several other projects coming up including creating Blessing Bags and Care Kits, creating and writing Christmas cards and gathering warm clothes for the homeless. Student Council is also looking at a special project for children and parents of the parish to be announced at a later date.



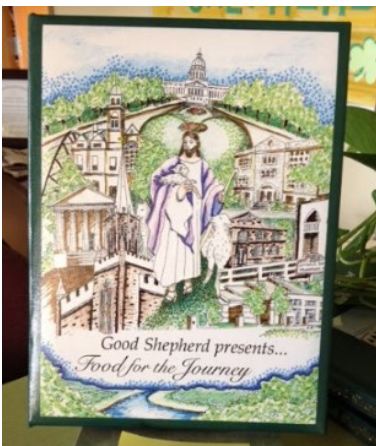
Community Conversation re:Reducing our Opioid Epidemic

Dec. 11 5:30pm at VFW on Second St.

All are Welcome



Thank you to our newest Showcase Sponsor: Knights of Columbus!



Good Shepherd Cookbooks make nice Christmas gifts! \$20 each and proceeds benefit our school library. We have a VERY limited number still available. Contact the office to purchase yours now.