



Dear Parents,

As we turn our thoughts toward the upcoming holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and family-filled Thanksgiving from our entire staff at John Paul II. What a wonderful year of blessings we have received! Our greatest blessing is, of course, having your children and your family as an important part of our school. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us!

Please join us for the Parade of Lights on Monday, November 23.

We are asking each family (or family member if possible) to carry, in the parade, an angel or star, covered with aluminum foil and attached to a yardstick. Families will walk behind our Nativity float as the angels and stars in the sky that first Christmas night. If you or your child would like to dress up as a shepherd or angel that would be great! Families should meet in the Depot area by our float about 6:45pm and the parade will begin at 7:00pm. See you there!

Our Student Council has declared that Tuesday, Nov. 24th is Favorite Team Day! Students may wear clothing letting everyone know their favorite team! Tuesday, November 24 is also our November FUNdraiser Night. Please join us at the north McDonald's between 5:00-8:00pm and John Paul II will receive a percentage of all sales! Please remember to purchase your SCRIP early as we will not be able to sell SCRIP at McDonald's that evening.

When our students return from Thanksgiving break, we will be in the liturgical season of Advent. Our theme for Advent this year is "The Angel's Message". One of the all-school activities will consist of each family creating an angel Christmas tree ornament. These ornaments went home in the Parent Packets November 12. Please send the finished ornament back to school on Wednesday, November 25 with your oldest child. Each class will bless the Christmas trees and hang their family ornaments on November 30. Other all-school Advent activities will include celebrating St. Nicholas Day, an Advent calendar with symbols from the Bible and reflections each day on those symbols, an angel bulletin board that will help our children understand that Advent is also a penitential time, participating in the Shower Christ's Little Ones in each parish, and of course our 2nd-6th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confession.

Schedule for November 20-29

Friday, November 20	School Mass, 4K and 10 Popcorn Day, .25 a bag, delivered in the PM First Confession for Second Grade in respective parishes, 7:00pm
Sunday, November 22	SCRIP sold after Masses at Holy Spirit Church
Monday, November 23	Parade of Lights, Meet by the Depot at 6:45pm!
Tuesday, November 24	Your Favorite Team Day! Wear clothes that show your favorite team! FUNdraiser Night, North McDonalds, 5:00-8:00pm
Wednesday, November 25	Please send your decorated family angel ornament to school
Thursday, November 26-29	Thanksgiving Vacation, No School
Sunday, November 29	Advent begins SCRIP sold after Masses at Holy Family Church

Have a wonderful week and God's blessings...
Michelle Ommen, Principal