

St. Mary Academy Newsletter

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Principal's News

Mrs. Bobi White, Principal



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Attachment:
Revised Calendar

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Book Fair (12/7-12/11)
- ◆ Spaghetti Supper (12/9)
- ◆ Band/Chorus Christmas Concert (12/13)
- ◆ Grade 1-3 Christmas show (12/17)
- ◆ PreK & K Christmas shows (12/18)

Advent is about waiting. Advent is also a season of preparation: we shop for gifts, plan parties, and decorate our homes for the coming of Christmas. Sometimes in the preparations we forget the reason for the season - preparing hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Having children involved in the anticipation of Christmas helps us approach the season with fresh eyes and insight. They present us with a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge they present is the way they soak up the values of the culture that has had them anticipating Christmas before the beginning of November. The opportunity they present is that we can introduce them to the timeless rituals celebrating the coming of the Messiah that will add depth to their spiritual lives.

There are many ways to celebrate the season of Advent. You might want to include one of James Campbell's (Children Help Us Celebrate Advent) suggestions to add to your family rituals this year.

- Make an Advent wreath and place it in the middle of the dining room table. An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The greenery in the wreath symbolizes the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance, and rose is the color denoting the anticipation of joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The light of the candles represents the light

coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

- Buy an Advent calendar. Advent calendars are available at many gift stores. The calendar consists of two pieces of cardboard on top of each other. Twenty-four doors are cut out of the top layer. One door is opened each day from December 1 through December 24, revealing a picture.
- Create a Jesse Tree. There is a long tradition in Christian art of depicting the Jesse Tree, a symbolic tree or vine with spreading branches, on which there are images depicting the genealogy of Jesus. There are several variations of the Jesse Tree. In one variation, each ornament has a picture on one side and a Scripture passage on the other. An ornament is hung on the tree every day during Advent.

We have many celebrations and events planned for December. Our December Mass will be on December 8th at 9 a.m. On Sunday, December 13th there will be the Band/Chorus Christmas Concert. December 17th is the Grade 1-3 concert at 6:30. On Friday, December 18, is the Christmas program put on by Kindergarten and Pre-K followed by Christmas around the World at 12:30. Please check the attached calendar for more dates and information.

May your Advent season and Christmas be filled with warm spiritual memories, laughter and love.

Bobi White

Mission of the Month – Mrs. Kuder

Last month's mission collection for the food pantry collected \$361.

There is no mission collection for the month of December. Individual classes may

be doing their own collections for such charities as Toys for Tots.

In addition, \$292.50 was raised to ship shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**January
Mission
Collection**
St. Charles
Children's Home
January 14-15

Office News – Mr. Hall, Mrs. Allyson, Mrs. Kuder

Pennies! Pennies! Pennies!

The penny contest is off to a great start. We have already collected \$207!! Mrs. Cruz's class (the winner for the past two years) has once again established the lead with \$43. 5B is a new contender with \$28 with 2S close behind with \$26.

The following students brought in \$10 or more:

William MacGregor (1C) - \$12
Caitlin Bryan (4G) - \$13
Meagan Skowron(1CZ) - \$10.50
Gabrielle MacNeil (2P) - \$12
Gianna Yadisernia (K-M) - \$25!!



Remember, there will be a pizza party for the classroom that collects the most by the deadline, May 1, 2010. Any student bringing in \$10 or more will be identified in the next newsletter. Every penny helps St. Mary Academy meet its budget costs. Thank you for your efforts!

Dress Down Day

Dress down day for the month of December is scheduled for Thursday, December 17. Bring in \$1 and dress down.

Concert

On January 28, 2010, St. Mary Academy will be the site of a concert by members of Amare Cantare, an auditioned chamber chorus that strives for musical excellence in the performance of challenging and diverse repertoire.

Since 1977, Amare Cantare ("to love to sing") has performed masterworks and choral music from five centuries. Based in Durham, the group's members come from

all over the Seacoast. One member is our own Mr. Hall.

More information will be available at a later date.

Virtue of the Month

Congratulations to the following students, faculty and staff for reflecting the virtue of the month: generosity. For this purpose, generosity is sharing the gifts that God gave you with others.

The following students/faculty/staff were chosen for exemplifying November's Virtue of the Month: Emma Gould (3L), Ethyn Gower (3L), Nick Cruz (6G), Anne O'Donnell (6D), Quinn O'Sullivan (6D), Adam Cilley (1C), Emma Harvey (1C), Micaela Rich (5B), Brian Austin (5B), Qiayra Randolph (7F), Jacob Holden (7F), Malina Stacy (7F), Ryan MacDonald (3B), Rachel Carr (3B), Caitlin Bryan (4G), Lillian Smith (8G), Michelle Poisson (8G), Abbey Raiche (8G), Nancy Allyson, Susan Dromey Heeter, and Deb Furino.

Kudos to you all for sharing your resources and yourselves with the SMA community!

December's virtue is Peace. Peace is proving that you care more about others than winning an argument.

SMArT Business Directory

Please check out the SMArT Business Directory on our website. There are many listings that could be beneficial to you. If you would like to be a part of the SMArT Business Directory, please contact Mrs. Bilodeau at bilodeau@saintmaryacademy.org

Development News— Mrs. Puglisi

December Calendar - Mark Your Calendars

Open Tour - Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

The following opportunities offer both fun and convenient opportunities to help SMA.

- **Spaghetti Supper** (*one-time event*) needs people to cook, help with serving, set up, and clean up for this fun (and delicious) evening.
- **Volunteer Steering Committee** - join this group and fulfill your volunteer hours with other parents by meeting once every other month for one hour in the evening at SMA. It's a vital role that helps all our wonderful events happen. Jobs and follow up can easily be done via telephone and online/email correspondence. Great for working parents!

For more information about these opportunities and others, please contact SMA volunteer coordinator Jen Cove at 603-498-6442 or shoreline@maine.rr.com and/or Meaghan Puglisi at puglisi@saintmaryacademy.org.

Dover Holiday Parade

We are very grateful to all our volunteers especially Stephanie Bolduc for co-chairing the parade event, Mary Ellen Reisch for coordinating the SMA float, Kaethe Houst and Mr. B for coordinating the chorus and marching band, Susan Dromey Heeter and Teresa Zellem for coordinating Student Council and to our committee members Susan O'Donnell, Tobey Vito and Catherine Plante for their support and help pulling this together, and to Tracy Obyc for making reindeer food!!

Parade Sponsorships Have Cleared \$10,000!!

Thank you to our 2009 parade sponsors:

\$500 Band Sponsor

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D.F. Richard Energy
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Garrison City Early Childhood Center
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Wentworth Douglass Hospital

\$250 - Parade Producer

Centrix Bank & Trust
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Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller & Durkin
Bill Dube Ford Toyota Scion
Federal Savings Bank
The Maids Home Services

\$125 - Parade Presenter

NY Life - James & Paul Kageleiry
Dennis Munson Plumbing & Heating

Open Tours - Invite Friends and Family to Visit SMA

Saint Mary Academy has been hosting monthly tours in an effort to reach out to families interested in exploring options for their child's future. These tours allow parents to see the school, ask questions, and experience the St. Mary Academy culture while interacting with other parents with similar interests and questions. So far, we have had several families interested. Please help us spread the word. Next open tour will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. For more information about these monthly tours please contact Meaghan Puglisi at 603-742-3299 or email Puglisi@saintmaryacademy.org.

Tuition-free Raffle Tickets On Sale Now

Tickets are \$25 each or 2 for \$40 and are on sale now through March 20. Winner's name will be drawn at the auction which is set for Saturday, March 20, 2010. Tickets can be purchased at the main office or by contacting Shelley MacGregor, raffle chair, at shelleymacgregor@comcast.net.

Box Tops - Help Us Earn Money through this Wonderful Program

Remember to clip your box tops and visit the web site at www.btfe.com for additional opportunities to raise money for Saint Mary Academy on your current purchases and items you already buy. For more information about this program, please contact Cathy Cilley at cilley13@comcast.net.

Grade 1 & 2 News –Mrs. Cronholm, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Pinsince and Ms. Smith

Fall is certainly here and winter is coming. This means hats, mittens, gloves, and boots (when necessary) need to be worn. Please make sure there is some form of identification on these items. If you are hesitant to use a name label, you could use a symbol that you've discussed with your child.

The Christmas program for the first through third grades has been scheduled for December 17th at 6:30 p.m. The children have been practicing and preparing for their presentation.

Our class Christmas parties will be held this month as well. More information will follow as we get closer.

As in past years, our classes will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Dover Fire Department's "Toys for Tots" campaign. We will notify you of the deadline as soon as we know.

We wish you and your family a Christmas season full of peace, love, and joy. Thank you for sharing the gift of your child with us.



Grade 3 News –Mrs. Bilodeau and Mrs. Leonard

3L News

It has been a busy November for the third grades. We have worked on our Christmas Child shoeboxes and sent them off to North Carolina to be distributed to children in need around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

We have been studying about nouns in English and learning to identify them as person, place, or thing. We have continued to work on subject and predicates and kinds of sentences as well. We have used our writing skills to write about the planets, seasons, and retell Bible stories in our own words. We are going to be writing about the stars and creating our own constellations and writing about them next.

We have studied about different communities in Social Studies and learned specifically about the history of Yuma, Arizona, as we learned to read and create timelines. We have also learned to identify the 7 continents and their placement on the world map.

In Math we studied place value,

reading and writing three-place numbers, expanded form, writing money amounts, fact families, measurement in centimeters as well as inches, reading the thermometer, rounding to the nearest 10 or 2 degrees, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, reading charts and graphs, gathering data and making a tally sheet, and adding three single-digit numbers. Mrs. Leonard's class has begun working on the multiplication tables for 1, 2, 3, and 4.

The boys and girls in 3L are reading a book about Squanto and will be putting together a book report after Thanksgiving. This entire report will be done in class this time. We have enjoyed finding out more about this Indian boy as we also studied about Thanksgiving and the celebration of the Pilgrims and Indians. We enjoyed watching a video about Plimoth Plantation and another about a Pilgrim girl named Remember Patience Whipple.

We are now preparing for the annual Christmas program with grades 1, 2, and 3. You will be hearing more about these later.



Grade 3 News –Mrs. Bilodeau and Mrs. Leonard (cont'd)

In Mrs. Bilodeau's class, the first term has almost ended and the children are eagerly looking forward to their first "big" report card. The children have been working very hard on their studies. By the time you read this, the children will have had their first "big" science test and their Unit 1 social studies test. We have learned many strategies on how to study and take a test and the children have done a wonderful job. Report Cards will be going home the third week in December.

Deacon Bob has come in to introduce the children to the different parts of the Mass. We will be going into more depth on this later. We are learning the *Gloria*, the *Nicene Creed* and the *Penitential Rite* in class so we can say these prayers at Mass. Deacon Bob has also talked about Advent, the meaning of the Advent wreath and Advent candles, and what a special time this is in our Liturgical Year.

Our Christmas Program is December

17th and the children have been practicing very hard on that as well. They are very excited for you to see what they have learned. The children will be finishing their Constellation stories and they will also be working on Creative Writing stories during the month of December.

Our "Reading Bulletin Board" continues to grow and the children are looking forward to the Book Fair in December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Holy Christmas Season filled with love of God, family and friends and a Happy and Healthy 2010. The children started their holiday giving early by donating to the Shoe Boxes of Love project. I am proud to say that 3B had 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity. This is God's hand at work in the children and it is a joy to see. Happy 2010!



Grade 4 News –Mrs. Gagne and Mrs. Landry

VIRTUAL ZOO

The Virtual Zoo is "alive" in fourth grade. The students from both classes came together on Friday, November 20, to discuss the planning stages of the written report. The students should be well on their way to investigating their animal and writing down bits of information on their note fact sheets. The next meeting will be Friday, December 4, when the Habitat Planning Sheet is due.

STONE FOX

Both classes have enjoyed reading the chapter book entitled, *Stone Fox*. Literature groups worked together to answer questions and discuss their favorite events in each chapter. Before and after Thanksgiving both classes will be composing a story tree. A story tree can't be planted; it needs to be built by carefully following directions.



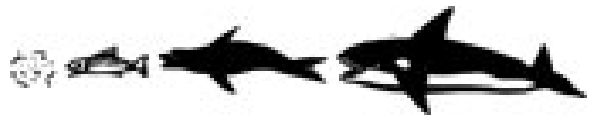
Grade 5 News— Mrs. Boal and Mrs. George

Fifth graders have finished their study of the skeletal system. We are moving on to the six types of land biomes on earth. Expect to hear about the rain forest, deciduous forest, desert, tundra, taiga, and grasslands of the world

Holiday writing stories have been signed, sealed, and delivered to Foster's Daily Democrat for its annual contest. As

nice as it is to see a contest winner from our school, the goal really is more than that. In the process of writing a story, the students worked on the writing process, which included brainstorming ideas, first draft, proofreading, peer editing and finally a typed product. Our students have great story-writing abilities with their imaginative ideas.

Grade 6 News— Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Gould



Sixth graders had an educational and fun time on their visit to the New Hampshire State House. We had our own state representatives join us - Rep. Berube (Aidan Bruton's grandfather) and Rep. Hoffman. We also had the chance to speak with our State Senator, Amanda Merrill.

We are currently working on our Christmas project - stockings for U.S. Marines in Afghanistan. Mrs. Allyson's grandson is a Marine there and we are decorating and stuffing stockings to send to him and the men and women in his unit.

Christmas around the World is coming up. The students have started to research their assigned country. Come to Mercy Hall on Friday, Dec. 18, 12:30 - 2 p.m., to see the displays and learn about the

celebration of Christmas around the world!

Ocean animals have been the topic in science. Sixth grade science students are completing their study of oceans with reports on ocean animals. They are honing their public speaking skills with remarkable illustrations including Powerpoint presentations, models, dioramas, posters, quizzes, and handouts to help each other to visualize their animals.

After learning about how Egypt is the gift of the Nile and writing our names in hieroglyphics, we are finishing up our Ancient Egypt unit and heading into Ancient China in social studies. Lots of work went into the Foster's Christmas writing projects in English class, also.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Junior High News – Mrs. Furino, Mrs. Houle, Ms. Gitschier and Mrs. Roberts

The Junior High had a very successful dance and would like to thank the chaperones, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hamel, Mrs. Pollock, Mr. Wyeth, and Mrs. Zelle.



Nursing News— Mrs. Bender, R.N.

The week of December 6-12 is National Handwashing Awareness Week. The Rotary Club of Dover is coming that week at lunch time to do some fun things with the children about good hand washing. We thank them for their time and for picking this as their yearly project and including us. This would be a good time to ask your child what they have learned and to review good hand washing techniques with them. Hands should be washed with soap and water for as long as it takes to sing Happy Birthday two times.

Just a few words on influenza-like illnesses - the New Hampshire Department of Disease and Control has a new hot line number for anyone to call if you have questions about flu-like symptoms. Their hot line number is 211.

I am finding children that are being sent to school having been medicated with a fever-reducing medication. If it's being given for pain for a sprain or some other injury, that's one thing, but if they are getting it so you can go to work that is unfair to the rest of the population in school. I can't stress enough keeping your child home when they are not well and to have a plan in place in case they do become ill.

Library News – Mrs. Zelle

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH THE SMA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, Dec. 7 - Friday, Dec. 11

Come shop with us from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. each day and also from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday during the SMA Spaghetti Supper.

Buying books from our Book Fair is a

Also, the best way to prevent seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu is to have you and your children immunized against both.

If your child should become ill the Center for Disease Control recommends calling or taking your child to a doctor right away if your child of any age has:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Other conditions (like heart or lung disease, diabetes, or asthma) and develops flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough.

Also, winter is approaching so remember to have appropriate clothing for your children. Layering clothing is the best way to handle winter weather.

May you have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

great way to get some Christmas presents and support our school library.

All proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase new books for our library.

Cash, checks (made payable to SMA) and credit cards are accepted.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY



Guidance Guide – Mrs. Schwoerer

On the Virtues of Making Your Children Do the Dishes

By SUE SHELLNBARGER

Quiz for the day: How much time each day, on average, does a 6- to 12-year-old child spend on household chores? If you guessed more than a half-hour, you're wrong. Children are spending a mere 24 minutes a day doing cleaning, laundry and other housework - a 12% decline since 1997 and a 25% drop from 1981 levels, says Sandra Hofferth, director of the Maryland Population Research Center at the University of Maryland, based on a forthcoming study of 1,343 children. In the glacial realm of sociological change, that amounts to a free fall.

It also reflects "important behavioral and values shifts that will affect lives for years to come," Dr. Hofferth says. One consequence is never more obvious than at this time of year, when hundreds of thousands of college freshmen move into their dorms and promptly begin destroying their laundry. Other studies suggest the shift may have longer-term implications for marriage and community life. Of course, children aren't doing housework partly because they're spending more time on such worthy pursuits as reading, studying and youth groups, Dr. Hofferth's data show. Parents are doing less housework themselves, hiring help or just making peace with dust bunnies. And clearly, some housework is best relegated to museums. While Allison O'Steen, Tryon, N.C., loved her late mother, she says, her habit of ironing sheets isn't something Ms. O'Steen, a mother of two, wants to pass on.

Nevertheless, research into the role of housework in human relationships suggests we may be losing something of value here. While most parents today focus mostly on teaching kids self-reliance - keeping themselves clean, fed and botulism-free - the benefits of learning housework run deeper. For example, pitching in at home has become a crucial marriage-preservation skill for young men. Studies show parents still assign more housework to girls than boys. Yet these same young women hope as adults to find men who will help out; 90% of 60 women ages 18 to 32 studied by Kathleen Gerson, a New York University sociology professor, said they hoped to share housework and child care with spouses "in a

committed, mutually supportive and egalitarian way." After controlling for other factors, U.S. marriages tend to be more stable when men participate more in domestic tasks, says a study of 506 U.S. couples published in 2006 in the American Journal of Sociology. Mindful of the issue, Kathy Helmetag, Troy, Mich., is instilling "the whole housekeeping thing" into her sons, 7 and 9, she says. Years from now, she believes, their homemaking skills will help them "score a few points with any significant others."

Housework has unique value in instilling a habit of serving others. Analyzing data on more than 3,000 adults, Alice Rossi, a professor at University of Massachusetts Amherst, found doing household chores as a child was a major, independent predictor of whether a person chose to do volunteer or other community work as an adult. Thus for parents who value service, housework is an important teaching tool. David Jackson has consistently required his twins, 16, to help around the house, starting as toddlers when they began picking up their toys and adding harder chores, such as stocking bathrooms or mowing the lawn, at each new stage. He sees the chores as a way of teaching empathy and "stewardship - taking care of the community assets," says the Tulsa, Okla., father. "It helps them realize the world is not all about them."

If you enjoy a domestic art as an outlet for creativity or love, it's worth passing on. I love sewing; making prom dresses years ago with my stepdaughter is a fond memory. But I was always rushing around too much when my two biological kids were small to sit down and teach them to sew. With 20-20 hindsight, I'm sorry that at ages 18 and 20, they still don't know how.

If you lack time to teach a home art you love, look for other avenues. Keeping the family TV tuned to the Food Channel inspired Cindy Harris's son Mikey, 8, to love cooking. For show-and-tell in second grade, he whipped up a chef's salad; he concocts novel cookie recipes with chocolate, coconut, butterscotch and pecans. While the cookies can be strange, says the Novato, Calif., mother of two, the whole family nevertheless cherishes Mikey's gifts.

Write to Sue Shellenbarger at sue.shellenbarger@wsj.com

Spanish News – Senora Dromey Heeter

Both eighth-grade and seventh-grade students have been performing Spanish skits as well as playing lots of games to reinforce their Spanish pronunciation.

In December, we will be celebrating the Patron Saint of the Americas: The

Virgin of Guadalupe's Feast Day on the 12th. We will prepare the week before with art activities, guest speakers and the History of the Virgin of Guadalupe. We will also travel to Dos Amigos (7th Grade: December 11, 8th Grade: December 12).

Student Council – Senora Dromey Heeter, Mrs. Finnigan, Mrs. Zelle

Special thanks to the following student council members who helped hang the greens on the SMA fence: Katie Foster, Emma Teague, Johanna Gleason-Vergados, Kelliann Banaian, Aidan Bruton, Henry Cronin, Isaac Leslie, Austin Berchulski, Anne O'Donnell, Erin Nash, Ben Finnigan, Parker Gauthier, and Mike Goodwin.

Please thank them for contributing to the beautification of our community and helping to usher in our glorious Christmas Season!

Student council members recently took part in the Holiday Fair and the Dover Holiday Parade. Upcoming events in which they will participate include the Spaghetti Supper (Dec. 9) as well as Christmas Caroling on December 23 at 10:45. We have a wonderful, wonderful group this year led by our outstanding president, Katie Foster. Please keep Schoolnotes as a favorite to check activities and details.

Other News

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success this year of the Operation Christmas Child (shoebboxes program). We collected 123 filled shoeboxes this year which is about 25 more than last year. What a wonderful response we have had! The third and fourth grades worked together on this project and our rooms have certainly taken on the look of Christmas during this time. We appreciate everything that was received, whether it was a completely filled box or a single item which was used with other donated items to make up another box. Each of our boxes this year contained soap and washcloth, toothpaste and toothbrush, crayons, colored pencils or markers, pencils (and sometimes pens for the older group), pencil sharpeners, an item of

clothing, and toys. Some of the boxes included candy and gum as well. We don't know where our boxes will finally be distributed, but I have placed a tracking tag on two of them and will let the children know when and where they are delivered.

We raised \$292.50 on our dress down day which will go towards the final expenses of shipping the boxes overseas or more locally (from N.C., the distribution center) and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Tung are picking up the boxes and the rest of the shipping costs once again this year. Thank you again for your generosity. May God bless you and your families during the Christmas season and know that you have blessed others around the world through your giving to this program.

Mrs. Leonard

Other News

Holiday Tidbits

Every Christmas season, I give a prayer of thanks to the Wyrsh Family who shared their Christmas strategy with me a few years ago. Their children are allowed to ask for three things on their Christmas list simply because three was the number of gifts received by Jesus. This idea has worked brilliantly in my household and is a great one to pass on. Thank you, Wyrsh Family! You've simplified the Christmas in the Heeter household. Muchas Gracias!

Also, a wonderful, wonderful place here in New Hampshire is the NH Farm Museum in Milton, N.H. They provide some wonderful - NON COMMERCIAL - activities and great family events. The Dover Library offers a free pass and a yearly family pass is well worth the investment and would make a fabulous Christmas gift.

Do you love to shop? Have too much "stuff" in your closets? Combine both interests and head to area community thrift shops where shopping is not only interesting but provides great services to our communities:

- Fairtide Thrift Shop, Kittery, Maine-provides help to those in transitional housing and to those who are homeless.
- Full Circle Thrift Shop, Eliot, Maine-all proceeds go to help those suffering from Cancer.
- Second Generation Thrift Shop, Greenland and Rochester - all proceeds go to help homeless pregnant women.

Not only can you give, you can receive, too!

Vaya con Dios
Susan Dromey Heeter

Sending Holiday Cards???

SMA 8th graders are raising money for their class trip to Boston.

- Create your own 5"x7" or 4"x6" photo cards for: Christmas, Hanukkah, graduation, birthday, party invitation, Easter, everyday cards, and special events.

A portion of the proceeds from you order will go to the class. Pass this info along to your friends and family, too!!!!

Start now:

www.saintmaryacademyphotocards.com - 2 weeks for delivery.

- *Raffle tickets for a 6ft. pre-lit, decorated tree, a portable DVD player with 2 DVDs, Lindt chocolate Christmas assortment basket, scratch ticket wreath, a Bauer hockey stick with adult USA hockey jersey, three hockey T-shirts with pucks, and a basket of books for Grade 5-8. Tickets on sale at Spaghetti supper or email plpreston5@yahoo.com if you would like tickets.

The Joy
of CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATE THE SEASON

December (additions/changes are marked with **)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Report card grades close	5
6	7 Book Fair	8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 9 a.m.	9 No p.m. buses available Spaghetti Supper, **Mercy Hall, 5-7 p.m.**	10	11 Kinder Christmas Show practice, 8:45-10:15	12
13 **Band/chorus concert, Mercy Hall, 2 p.m.**	14 Report cards distributed this week	15	16	17 **Grade 1-3 Christmas show, 6:30 p.m.** **Dress down day**	18 Kinder Christmas Show, 8:40 <i>PreK Christmas Show, 10 a.m.</i> Grade 6 Christmas Around the World	19
20	21 PreK and K Christmas Show snow date <i>School board meeting, 7, library</i> Grade 6 Gingerbread Houses	22	23 Early release- no p.m. buses available Jan. lunch \$\$ due **Caroling, 10:45- 11:15, Mercy Hall**	24 No school- Christmas recess	25 No school- Christmas recess	26 No school- Christmas recess
27 No school- Christmas recess	28 No school- Christmas recess	29 No school- Christmas recess	30 No school- Christmas recess	31 No school- Christmas recess		