

News from the Bears' Den



December 9, 2020

From the Principal . . .

He came!! He really came!! St. Nicholas came and filled our shoes with goodies! We really appreciate his socially distanced visit and the Christmas cheer he brought. :)

Don't forget that we have our Ugly Christmas Sweater day next Thursday (Dec. 17) along with our classroom Christmas celebrations. Teachers may be reaching out for donations of PRE-PACKAGED snacks for their classes. You are also welcome to inquire with your child's teacher as to any needs for that day. Next Friday will be our Christmas color day.

Next Friday, Dec. 18, we will be sending PreK-8 home with a variety of items in preparation for our 2 weeks of remote learning starting Jan. 4. If you know your child will not be here next Friday, please make arrangements with his/her classroom teacher to pick up the items early. Grades 5-8 will have a couple of NWEA MAP tests administered over break in order to ensure we get them all in on time during the testing window. Teachers will communicate details to parents soon and again before Jan. 4.

Have a great rest of the week!

Many Blessings, Camille DeLano



Upcoming Events . . .

- Friday, Dec. 11 - "GLOW" Color Day
- Monday, Dec. 14 - Adoration
- Thursday, Dec. 17 - Ugly Sweater & Christmas Party
- Friday, Dec. 18 - Christmas Color Day

Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest (K-8)

If you have not yet turned in your child's permission form for this, please do so by Friday, Dec. 11. You are welcome to email it to the office.

Travel Reminder

For those of you planning to do some travel/visiting with others over the Christmas holiday season, regardless of location, we ask that you please monitor your activities and any exposure risk. A travel letter was sent before Thanksgiving and can also be found on our website: saintbasilcatholic.com). Thank you!

Winter Weather Attire

With winter on its way (possibly this weekend??), please make sure your children have the appropriate winter attire for recesses: coats, boots, gloves, hats, and snow pants. Thank you!

Sick Children

We cannot emphasize this enough-PLEASE continue to keep sick children at home; this includes runny nose/cough/sore throat (depending on the severity, we may ask that siblings remain home as well). Should a student have the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, strep throat, etc., we ask that you also keep all siblings home. We are trying our best to maintain in-person learning and can only do this with your help. Thank you!



Adoration and Confessions

All K-8 students participate in adoration on Mondays during Advent, and those Catholic students in gr. 3-8 who are able will be offered the chance to go to confession before Christmas break.

Christmas Celebration

We still plan to hold a Christmas celebration day (instead of a party) on Thursday, Dec. 17. This day will be like the Halloween celebration day, with no definite party time but lots of fun Christmas activities taking place in the classrooms. Teachers may reach out for prepackaged goodie donations, craft items, etc.

Snow Days

Due to SHPS having to shift, at times, to remote learning, this impacts their ability to assist us with calling snow days-essentially, they will only call me to cancel school due to weather if they are in-person that day. Therefore, I have reached out to a handful of parents who live in various locations around the area to help me in determining if we need to call school due to weather. Once I get a weather report from them, I will then send out a parent alert and email to all families letting everyone know that we have a snow day. **This will ONLY happen if we are in-person, NOT remote.** I will do my best to get the alert and email out to you as early as possible. I will also post it on the local weather stations (channel 8 and channel 3). We ask for your patience as we try out this new procedure.

Students will still have the 6 designated snow days per the state (when in-person). After the 6 days are used, we will do remote learning per our remote learning plan. In this way, we will not have to make up days at the end of the year.

Remote Learning Jan. 4-Jan. 15

Just a reminder that we plan to engage in remote learning the 2 weeks following Christmas break, starting Jan. 4. Information was sent home via email on Monday. Students will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021. It is VERY important that students engage in remote learning these 2 weeks-this is not an extension of Christmas break and academic material will be covered. We will be utilizing the remote learning plan sent home in November (this can be found on our school website: saintbasilcatholic.com) If you have questions concerning the technology, assignments, etc., please contact teachers now so that we can easily assist with any issues. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO snow days called during remote learning, regardless of what South Haven Public does. Our snow days will be reserved for when we are doing in-person learning.**

A few notes from the office

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