

December 13, 2019

Dear ASA Families,

Financial Aid Applications Due January 31

If you will be applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year, the deadline for your application is January 31, 2020. You can apply online via Smart Aid. Here are the [general Smart Aid instructions](#), [online application instructions](#), and the [online application](#). If you do not have internet access, please contact Mr. Darrell Beckwith, Business Manager, at 616-447-2997, ext. 1251.

Reminder - Christmas Vacation Child Care (Toddler-8th Grade) Deadline is Today

Christmas vacation is almost here, so now is the time to make your child care reservations. [Any family who needs child care over Christmas vacation must complete this form](#), **even if you are currently enrolled in the ASA child care** program. We need this information so that adequate staffing is in place. The deadline to reserve your spot is December 13th.

Two Weeks Left for Teacher Wish List Donations!

Don't forget about your child's teacher this Christmas season! [Click here to donate to your teacher's wish list](#). If you are not comfortable donating online, you can drop off cash or a check to either office, just designate which teacher you would like to help.

Box Tops Scanning

Although we will not be collecting clipped Box Tops for Education until February, you can continue to SCAN your receipts each time you shop. Download the Box Tops for Education app, and scan your grocery receipts within 14 days of purchase. ASA will receive credit for both scan only and clippable box tops. If you clip and save your box tops, we will receive double credit for them. Please do not clip Box tops with the word SCAN on them.

Santa's Secret Shop Thank You

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make Santa's Secret Shop a success! We appreciate all who helped set up, helped kids shop/wrap, donated things, moved things from one school to the next, got tables for us, gave us access to what we needed, and anyone we may have forgotten! Many hands make light work!

Thanks so much!

Tara & Samantha

Middle School Christmas Parties

Homeroom teachers will schedule their class's Christmas celebrations as they work into the middle school schedule. Look for them to communicate plans and needs directly with you!

A brief overview of our building/school Advent traditions:

- Jesse Tree Ornaments at morning prayer
- \$1 Jeans Days
- Reconciliation, Adoration & Rosary once during Advent
- Santa's Secret Shop
- Band Christmas Concert, Elementary Christmas Program, Performances for the Dominican Sisters and St. Jude Seniors
- Packing St. Jude Christmas Food Boxes
- CC Choir Christmas Caroling
- 8th grade Band "caroling," cookie delivery, AND vocal caroling
- Various holiday themed lessons and projects as well as card making for various organizations

This year:

- 7th grade will be performing A Christmas Carol as a Readers Theater for the building!
- 6th grade will be visiting with the three-year-old students for some holiday projects
- We will host a "Baby Shower" for HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid

Advent - A Time of Joyful Preparation

This month's NCEA [Parent Engagement flyer](#) is meant to deepen the family commitment to the real meaning of Advent. It is also written by ABVM parent and WC Academic Support Specialist, Emily Hoffman. As busy as family life can be, oftentimes

just reminding the whole family of the real meaning of Advent can be enough to keep the themes of hope, peace, joy and love alive within the home.

Gaming Addiction is Becoming More and More Real

Recently, the World Health Organization has started talking about gaming addiction having similar impacts as substance abuse. Have your kids pressured you about Fortnite? Is gaming addiction real? [Our friends at Protect Young Eyes provide some balanced information](#) about the signs of gaming addiction that you can use to assess your own children.

Please follow ASA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 16

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

6:30 pm Elementary Christmas Concert, Blessed Sacrament Church

Tuesday, December 17

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

6:30 pm Home and School Meeting, Holy Family Learning Center

7:30 pm 8th Grade Fun Day Planning Meeting, Middle School Campus

Wednesday, December 18

8:00-8:15 am Drop off 6th Graders at Elementary

6th Graders at Elementary all day

8:40-9:05 am Catholic Central Capella Choir visits Elementary

9:20-9:45 am Catholic Central Capella Choir visits Middle School

10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church

12:35 pm Aquinata Hall Christmas Program (K-4), Aquinata Hall

3:15 pm Pick up 4th and 6th Graders at the Elementary

Thursday, December 19

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, December 20

\$1 Jeans Day for HELP Pregnancy

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

8:15 am Elementary Rosary, ES Gym
9:00 am 7th Grade Readers' Theater Performance, Brophy Center
10:00 am HELP Pregnancy Baby Shower, Elementary Campus
11:00 am HELP Pregnancy Baby Shower, Middle School Campus

Monday, December 23

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care Open

Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care CLOSED - Merry Christmas!

Friday December 27

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care Open

Monday, December 30

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care Open

Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care CLOSED - Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3

No School Grades P-8 - Christmas Break
Child Care Open

Monday, January 6

P-8 Classes Resume
7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

Tuesday, January 7

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109

Wednesday, January 8

10:30 am Elementary (K-3) Mass, Blessed Sacrament Church
3:30-4:25 pm MS Jazz Band, Thaddeus Center

Thursday, January 9

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109
8:30 am Middle School Mass, St. Jude Church

Friday, January 10

Spirit Day

7:40 am Early Birds, Elementary Rm 109
8:00 am Middle School Rosary, Gym
8:15 am Elementary Rosary, Gym

God Bless,

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The Vision of All Saints Academy is to provide a transformative education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, this education meets the needs of individual learners, preparing them to make a positive impact on others.

The ASA Sponsor/Community Partner of the week is: Frey Family Dentistry



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