

December 10, 2018

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend! As we begin our second week of Advent, let us continue to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord—the true reason for celebrating Christmas.

Congratulations to **5th grade**—winners of our October Box Top Contest! In all, we collected 2,940 box tops! Another Congratulations to fourth grader **Landen S.** who won our Christmas program cover contest! ☺

- **Santa Shop** opens today! Thank you to Rebecca Enghausser for coordinating this event every year along with ALL other parent volunteers scheduled to assist with shopping and wrapping throughout the week. Our kids love this event and appreciate all your efforts! Some assistance is still needed, please see sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a72ca20-santas2>
- Our “eating out” location this week is at **El Charro 11 am – 10 pm.**
- **Student Council’s** Christmas Raffle begins Wednesday and runs through December 18; tickets will be sold at lunch time. Student Council is also hosting a free Christmas themed dress down day and football toss game on December 18.
- January **hot lunch orders** are coming **home TODAY and are due back WEDNESDAY.**
- All of our students have been busy preparing for their Christmas performance! Students in **grades 1 – 8** will perform this Friday (12/14) at 6:30 pm at Lakeview High School Auditorium, all are welcome! Our **Preschoolers** will perform *next week* Monday (12/17) at 10:30 am in the gym and Tuesday (12/18) at 10:00 am in the preschool classroom. And our **Kindergarteners** will perform next Wednesday (12/19) at 10:45 am in gym!
- Please send **pictures for the 2018 – 2019 yearbook** to lgreen@stgermaine.org. Sporting events, birthday parties, field trips etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- **Tuition accounts** must be paid in full by January 15; **Service hour** sheets are due the **January 31.**
- **SAVE THE DATES:** St. Germaine's 8th Grade is hosting a **15-Hour Crop on Saturday, January 26** from 9 am to Midnight AND our annual **Men’s Club bowling event is Friday, February 1st!**
- Students in grades 4 – 8 are invited to **audition for You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown** on January 3, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48afaa28a6fb6-youre>, if time slots fill, contact Mrs. Taylor at 586.771.1750 ext. 104 or staylor@olohscs.org
- While many of our school families are members of neighboring parishes, Our Lady of Hope Parish is the community that financially supports our school. Please consider directing your **Christmas/ End of year offering** to the Catholic Services Appeal. Since we met our target goal, all additional funds come directly back to Our Lady of Hope Parish, BUT it must reach the CSA office by December 28.

Here’s a look at our week ahead (**Santa Shop is open Monday – Thursday**):

Monday, December 10	Hot lunch orders sent home
Tuesday, December 11	Mass at 8:30 for grades K – 5—join us! Band class after school El Charro day/night 11am – 10 pm
Wednesday, December 12	Mass at 8:30 for grades 6 – 8—join us! Hot lunch orders due, Achatz order p/u Student council raffle begin; meeting after school
Thursday, December 13	Preschool “Green day,” Bagel day, Little Learners! Band class after school
Friday, December 14	Preschool “Green day,” dress down day \$1.00, Gr. 1 – 8 concert at Lakeview at 6:30 pm—students report by 6:15 pm

Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am (a special “Children’s Liturgy” is offered during 10:30 Mass). *There is no better way to ensure your child develops in his or her faith life than to regularly, actively, and joyfully celebrate the Eucharist as a family.*

Advent Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. DeGrez