

December 9, 2019

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope you enjoyed your weekend—a busy one it was! As we begin our second week of Advent, let us continue to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus—the true reason for celebrating Christmas. Congratulations to second grader **Ava S.** who won our Christmas program cover contest! 😊

- **Santa Shop** will open the week of December 16. Help are needed to make this event a success, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a72ca20-santas3>
- January **hot lunch orders** came home Friday and are due back this WEDNESDAY.
- **El Charro's** at 9 ½ Mile/Harper is our “eating out” location this week 11 am – 10 pm.
- Please take a moment to download the **Shoparoo app** on your smartphone or iPad, connect to St. Germaine Elementary School and start taking pictures of every receipt you receive from your daily purchases. It’s easy, only takes a few seconds and they send our school money! In just 2 weeks, with less than 20 people participating, we’ve earned almost 10,000 points!
- Students in grades K – 8 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest.** All posters are due by December 11.
- All of our students have been busy preparing for their Christmas performances! Students in **grades 1 – 8** will perform this Friday (12/13) at 6:30 pm in the activity center, all are welcome! Our **Preschoolers** will perform *next week* Wednesday (12/18) at 10:30 am and Thursday (12/19) at 10:00 am in the activity center. And our **Kindergarteners** will perform next Friday (12/20) at 10:30 am in activity center!
- **Tuition accounts** must be paid in full by January 15; **Service hour** sheets are due **January 31.**
- **SAVE THE DATES:** St. Germaine's 8th Grade is hosting a **15-Hour Crop on Saturday, January 25** from 9 am to Midnight, our annual **Men’s Club bowling event is Friday, January 31,** and our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Gala is Saturday, March 21!**
- Please send **pictures for our 2019 – 2020 yearbook** to colleen.kowalesky@gmail.com. Sporting events, birthday or class parties, field trips etc. are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- Students in grades 4 – 8 are invited to **audition for The Addams Family** on January 9, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48afaa28a6fb6-theaddams>, if time slots fill, contact Mrs. Taylor at 586.771.1750 ext. 104 or [staylor@olohscs.org](mailto:staylor@olohscs.org)

Here’s a look at our week ahead:

Monday, December 9	Preschool “Green day,” Student Council meeting after school
Tuesday, December 10	Preschool “Green day,” Mass at 8:30 for grades K – 5—join us! Toddler Time! K – 3 Progress reports sent home; El Charro day/night 11am – 10 pm
Wednesday, December 11	Mass at 8:30 for grades 6 – 8—join us! Hot lunch orders due, poster due
Thursday, December 12	Little Learners!
Friday, December 13	Dress down day \$1.00, Grades 1 – 8 concert in the activity center at 6:30 pm—students report to classrooms 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