

Dear Parents,

This month is truly a joyous month as we celebrate the season of advent. As we reflect on our many blessings, it is a good time to remember those in need. We were so pleased to see so many families participating in the cereal collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry. The preschool had a huge collection of oatmeal and cereal boxes to send to the food pantry. We are blessed to have parents that are teaching the gift of giving and reaching out to others to their children by helping out those in need.

We have been busy singing our little hearts out in preparation of our Christmas program. You are probably hearing some of these songs echoing a joyous sound in your home. There is not a more precious sound than that of little children singing! We can't wait to show off for you at the Christmas program!

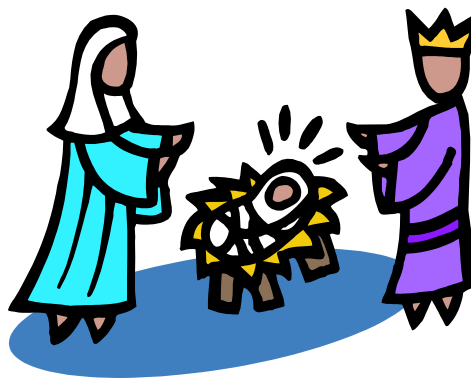
Thank you for choosing our preschool and sharing your children with us. Your children are our little blessings. We wish you an early Merry Christmas to you and your family.

God Bless,

Penny Miller

Stefanie Bridges

Thank you to all who sold cookie dough for our preschool. We made \$961 which we will put towards our shade structure fund. The cookie dough will be delivered on Dec. 2.



December Newsletter 2009

Holy Cross Early Education

As winter approaches, the children come to school with more clothing. They have lots of things to keep track of. Our staff takes one child's coat, 2 mittens, and a hat times 83 students to equal 332 items to remember what belongs to whom. Throw in a lunchbox and a stuffed animal or two and we are totally confused! The long story short is **PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S WINTER WEAR** if you would like to see it come home again! The following items are already missing a home. Call if you want to claim one. ☺

*One pink glove with light blue stripe.

*Size 4T white zip up sweater jacket, Faded Glory brand

*Gray zippered sweat jacket with white stripes on the sleeve and #07 on the front.

Underneath tag is marked "K" with a black marker.

*Size 5/6 girls blue zip up sweat jacket, Blue Heart brand. Design on the back has a bird, flowers and the words "Sweet Kiss"

- **Holy Cross Early Education Center will be closed** for Christmas break December 18 at noon through January 4. Classes resume January 5. There will a.m. classes and extended care (Stay and Play) only on Dec. 18. There will be no p.m. class.
- There will be "BETWEEN CARE" on the following days (providing we get at least 6 kids enrolled): Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Jan. 4. Be sure to enroll early in our Between Care program if you need childcare. The cost is \$25 for a full day.
- JoHo the Storyteller will be visiting us December 13th and 14th to tell us Christmas Stories.
- **IMPORTANT DATE:** Our preschool Christmas Program is December 13 at 3:00 in the gym at Holy Cross Elementary School. It will be the preschoolers only. Please have your child in Pfumm Hall 15 minutes prior to the start time.
- Attached is a flyer about the **PTO Teacher's Christmas Fund**. Parents can choose to donate to the fund instead of giving a gift to their child's teacher. The money is then divided and all teachers receive a check as a Christmas gift. It is always greatly appreciated.



JUST FOR FUN!!!



Quotes of the Month

- In Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the teacher talked about Mary and the chores she had to do. She showed the children a jug and talked about how Mary had to get the water for the family in her jug. She told them that Mary had to keep the house clean and sweep. She showed them a little straw broom. A 2 ½ year old boy said, “Yeah, Mary’s a witch!”
- 3 year old girl came to school with her pants unbuttoned. The teacher asked her if she just went to the bathroom and needed help. She said “NO. I just wanted YOU to button it”.
- A 3 year old boy brought some cereal to school to give to the food pantry. Mrs. Miller asked him to put it with the rest and did he know where the cereal went. He said, “In the bowl.”
- There were also many unprintable quotes this month that required censoring!

Can't find your school calendar? You can access us on the website. To to holycrosscatholicschool.com and click on family login. Look on the right side at upcoming events and scroll down to view more. Click and you will get a regular calendar that has events for the elementary school and the EEC. Check out the EEC site while you are on!

*****TEACHER SPOTLIGHT*****

Our teacher in the spotlight this month is Ms. Whitney Konrade. This is Ms. Konrade's first year teaching school. She graduated last year from Kansas State University. She did her student teaching in a kindergarten classroom. Ms. Konrade attended Catholic schools in the Topeka area as she was growing up and sees the value of a Catholic education. As a classroom teacher, Ms. Konrade is a creative planner and very energetic. There is always lots of fun happening in her classroom! Ms. Konrade is planning a January wedding and will be moving after her wedding to Pennsylvania as her husband was recently offered a job. We are very sorry to see her leave but wish her well in her new home!