

December 3, 2018

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope all of you enjoyed your weekend, many events took place—high school placement test, movie/babysitting night, middle school dance, Little Miss Spartan Queen Pageant, opening season basketball games... With all this activity, it's easy to lose focus on our liturgical season. Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent, allow yourself and your family time to focus on preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus—the true “reason for the season” of Christmas!

- Congratulations to our **2019 Little Miss Spartan Queen, first grader Ava Schwan**, she will be our “school spirit representative” at a variety of school functions from now until next year’s pageant!
- Our “eating out” location this week is at **G. Willie’s 4 – 9 pm Tuesday, December 4**. Let them know you’re there for our fundraiser.
- **Upcoming Student Council events:** “Nathan the Elf” is in our school, a Christmas Raffle December 12 – 18, and a Christmas themed dress down day (free) on December 18 when winners of the raffle will be selected during a football toss game (free).
- Thank you to all who participated in our **annual all – school service project toy drive!** SO many toys were collected and will be distributed to children, at a special party this month.
- On Thursday, December 6, many of our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit Lakeshore Senior Living for a **sing-along** with residents. ☺
- Students in grades 1 – 8 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus poster contest** themed, **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Posters are due by December 7. An opportunity to design our **Christmas program cover** was offered as well, all designs are due by tomorrow, December 4.
- **Santa Shop** will open the week of December 10. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a72ca20-santas2>
- Our **CYO basketball teams’ Mass is December 9** at 10:30 am. This is also the day of our **Mens’ Club sponsored “Breakfast with Santa”** in the activity center 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. All are welcome.
- 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 offering** to Our Lady of Hope Parish. Every dollar gifted to OLOH, as a Christmas offering, stays within our parish, and is not assessed (taxed) by the Archdiocese. Online donations may be made at [www.OLOHSCS.ORG](http://www.OLOHSCS.ORG). Thank you in advance!

Here’s a look at our week ahead (**SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 1=Men’s Club Bowling fundraiser**):

Monday, December 3	Yankee Candle orders will arrive sometime this week
Tuesday, December 4	Mass at 8:30 am grades K – 5, join us! Christmas program covers due, Band class after school, G. Willie’s “Eating Out” Night 4 – 9 pm
Wednesday, December 5	Mass at 8:30 am grades 6 – 8, join us!
Thursday, December 6	Progress reports, student sing with Lakeshore Living, Little Learners band class after school
Friday, December 7	K of C Poster Contest posters due, Jesse Tree Prayer Service 2:30 in church
Sunday, December 9	Advent Tea after 10:30 am Mass in the social hall, Santa Breakfast in the activity center 9 – 12:30 pm, Santa Shop set up 6:30 pm in the social hall

**DECEMBER 14: St. Germaine Gr. 1 – 8 Christmas Concert at Lakeview HS at 6:30 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