

The Royal Herald

November 30, 2017

No School Tomorrow -- Teacher In-Service

This is just a reminder that Friday, Dec. 1st is a "No School" Day so that our Regis teachers can complete work in professional development. Teachers will be utilizing their time to learn more about PLC's (Professional Learning Communities), will be reviewing the Religion Curriculum for grades 6-8, and will begin reviewing the information provided by our recent Needs Assessment. During in-service time, the Regis building and offices will be closed.

#GivingTuesday 2017 - THANK YOU

Wow! Thank you for remembering us on Giving Tuesday! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who remembered our school as a charitable organization. Over the past week, our school received \$1600 in donations through your generosity. Again, these funds will be split between emergency financial aid for this school year as well as reserving some for next year's financial aid. It's never too late to give, though, so if you still are interested in contributing a donation towards this great need, please help us to hit our goal of \$2000 by making a donation at <https://www.auctria.com/ev?site=dac9be4f-1e95-4965-aed1-d783437b0159>. Please know that your donations are appreciated by those families in need of additional assistance.

December "Of The Month" Recognition

Congratulations to our "Of the Month" Recipients for December!

Sixth Grade: Leah Ambrosy. According to Leah's teachers, Leah walks in with a smile on her face everyday. She is always willing to volunteer to help demonstrate things to the class and takes direction very well. Leah is extremely respectful and helpful to teachers and peers, listens closely to instruction and is able to repeat exactly what she is supposed to do. Leah is an absolute pleasure to have in class!

Seventh Grade: Charlie Allen is always a friendly student with his peers and teachers. He impresses his teachers with how he chooses to use his time to work during RLC. He's great at prioritizing his homework assignments and studying during free time. Charlie utilizes tools in the library to further explore subjects from his assignments out of pure curiosity, or going the extra mile, or engages with peers to study in preparation for tests. He's got a good sense of humor, but a good sense of a healthy boundary in maintaining a respectful posture in school.

Eighth Grade:

Eden Campbell always comes to class with a positive, ready-to-learn attitude. She consistently asks questions to further her learning and uses those new skills to aid her peers when they have questions as well. Her positivity and hard-work really brings a lot to the classroom.

Kassidy Drish is described by her teachers as a quiet leader and a hard worker. She leads by example, always doing her best in class. She seeks to better herself each day and demonstrates respect to her peers and teachers.

Parent Volunteer of the Month: Janette Beer. During Camp Yahooo, Janette did an amazing job leading the students through the co-op course both days of camp. Students learned how to cooperate and communicate during different challenges. Janette was also a huge help in planning and organizing Grandparent's Day. She was on the planning committee; shared her ideas; helped during the day of with drinks, candles and taking photos; and helped put the

Three Words video together with her husband.

Staff Member of the Month: Nancy Johnson for her work on the seventh grade leaf raking service day. Nancy put a ton of effort into arranging the houses and contacting the residents for the 7th grade project. She also did an awesome job of contacting and coordinating families within our community for a successful day.

3rd and 4th Quarter Exploratory Sign Up

Students signed up for their 3rd and 4th quarter exploratory classes this week. If your child was absent, please have him or her stop by the Counselor Office and see Mrs. Nachman regarding the sign up.

“Santa’s Little Elves” Christmas Gift for Teachers and Staff

This time of year can be a very busy and stressful time for families. In addition, often times the joy of giving can be a strain on our time and our budgets. In an effort to assist with this, Regis Middle School would like to suggest that you consider giving a monetary gift to Regis (leave at the Main Office) which will go toward the purchase of a gift card for teachers and staff (all adults in our building who help our students!). This helps provide a meaningful gift to our teachers/staff and saves you the time and the additional cost of trying to provide a gift for each and every one of the many teachers and staff members who serve your child. We will collect the names of those who have contributed and include those names on the note to the teachers. To contribute toward the teacher gifts, please do the following:

1. Prayerfully consider how much you would like to give toward a Christmas gift.
2. Make a check payable to “Regis Middle School” and *make a note in the memo line stating “Christmas Gift”*.
3. Bring the checks to the main office no later than Thursday, December 14th.

Thank you for considering a contribution!

Weather Alerts Only via Text or Email - Test of Text Message Alerts Next Week

Just a reminder that Regis will send out notifications via the following methods:

- Text Message Alerts (if registered - if you need to register send a text message to **67587** with **YES** in the body of the text.) If you have unlimited texting with your cell phone plan there will be no charge to this. If you pay for texting then your standard rates will apply.
- Email
- Regis Royals Facebook Page

Next Wednesday, December 6th, Regis will be sending out a TEST text message alert to those who have completed the above registration process to insure that you have properly signed up for those alerts. The text message will be clearly labeled as a TEST, and we will be following up on Friday with information in the Royal Herald for those who did not receive the alert.

Did you miss the Regis Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on Tuesday?! There's still time to shop!

Visit www.bn.com/bookfairs through **December 3rd** by entering **Bookfair ID 12256509** at checkout. Fifteen percent of online sales benefit the Regis Library to help put awesome books into the hands of awesome kids! Take a look at our [Recommended Reads](#) for gift ideas for

your middle schooler. If you'd like to consider donating a book to our library, please see our [Regis Library Wish List](#).

A heartfelt thanks to our student musicians and Regis families who booked it out to Barnes & Noble for a fun and festive evening on Tuesday. We were feeling the library love...and the Christmas spirit!

STO Support During the Holiday Season

This holiday season give the gift of a Catholic education. The *Our Faith* School Tuition Organization (STO) exists solely to make a Catholic education more affordable for every child. As an Iowa tax payer, you can help families with demonstrated financial need through a contribution to the STO. In return, you will receive an Iowa tax credit equal to 65% of your donation. The amount you contribute also qualifies as a charitable donation on a federal tax return. *The available Iowa tax credits are filling up fast so visit www.OurFaithSto.org or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.*

Basket of Hope Collection

The Basket of Hope service exploratory is sponsoring a collection that will bring hope to kids who are seriously ill. We are collecting small toys, games, and activities as well as baby booties, pacifiers, and hats. Items brought in will be used to make baskets for kids who are dealing with cancer and other serious illnesses. Please help us bring a smile to the faces of these kids. Items can be dropped off in the main office from November 27th through December 13th. Thank you for your help!

From the Business Office

Fees notices for Quarter 2 will be sent via email and traditional mail on Dec. 1. These notices will relate to fees not yet paid for Athletics, Co-Curricular, Grade Level Trips or other non-tuition items that are due. Thank you for your attention to getting any fees due paid in a timely fashion. Please contact Mary Carey, mcarey@regisroyals.org, in the Business Office if you have any questions.

Hy Vee Receipts & Box Tops

With holiday shopping well underway be sure to keep an eye out for those Box Tops on the products you buy and hang on to all of those Hy Vee Grocery Store, Drug Store, and Gas Station receipts! We collect them all and each program helps Regis. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Children's Choir at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will again have a children's choir at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All children from third grade through middle school are invited to join in the choir. There will be two rehearsals -- Sunday, Dec. 10th, 9:30-10:45 am in Seton Hall, and Sunday, Dec. 17th, 6-7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Please contact Mark and/or Anna Zittergruen by email at markzitt@gmail.com or by phone at 447-2090 if your child is interested or if you have questions.

Metro Catholic Outreach Nov. 30 Update

We are giving food baskets that will feed close to **450 people from 140 families** just this week. We have good amounts of food on our shelves, due to your regular generosity and holiday

drives. But we need to continually receive more food items for our food baskets. The more food we have donated, the less we have to buy. Then we can put some of our funds toward things like frozen protein, which raises the quality of nutrition in the baskets, AND serve more families. We can always use more Tuna, Canned Meat products (other than tuna), **Soup, Pasta Sauce** and/or tomato products, Pasta, Canned Pasta (Raviolios, etc.), Canned Vegetables, Potatoes (boxed or fresh), **Rice Products**, Mac & Cheese, **Crackers, Muffin/Cookie/Cake Mix**. We've been doing well lately with small personal care items, but can always receive more Toilet Paper (Thanks for the recent abundance!), Small/trial sized (hotel) **shampoo**, etc., Full-size personal care products (for larger families), Laundry detergent. We especially appreciate your help in serving our clients throughout the busier holiday season. Thank you and many blessings!

Winter Sports Season Information

Boys swimming and girls basketball practices will begin on **Monday, December 4th**. Swimming practices will take place at Kennedy High School, Monday-Thursday from 3-4 pm and is a combined team with Harding and LaSalle.

7th grade girls basketball will practice Monday-Thursday, from 3:10-4:30 and the coaches this year will be Greg Freeman and our own Mary Carey. 8th grade will practice from 4:30-6 pm, Monday-Thursday and the coach this year will be Leslie Dake.

If your child would like to participate in the above activities please have them stop in the main office or contact Tracie Chute at tchute@regisroyals.org.

On the Radar

Monday, Dec. 4 (Day 4)

- Girls Basketball & Boys Swimming Practices Begin

Tuesday, Dec. 5 (Day 5)

- Pizzazz Practice **7 am**
- Jazz Band Practice **3-4 pm**

Wednesday, Dec. 6 (Day 6)

- NO LITURGY - Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on FRIDAY!
- Eclipse Combo Practice **7 am**
- FTC Practice **3 pm**

Thursday, Dec. 7 (Day 1)

- Eclipse Practice **7 am**
- FTC Competition at the CR Library **-4 pm**
- Intro Jazz Band - 6th Grade **3-4 pm**

Friday, Dec. 8 (Day 2)

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception -- Liturgy **9:50 am**
- Art Palette **3-4 pm**

Saturday, Dec. 9

- Pizzazz Practice (Choir Room) **1-3:30 pm**