

**The Royal Herald**  
**A Weekly Newsletter for Regis Families**  
**November 30th, 2018**

**A Prayer for Inclusion**

**Today, across the nation we prayed together as a school in a Prayer for Inclusion, we invite everyone to keep in our prayers God's Blessing on Children, Teachers, Parents, and Families:**

*Living and True God,*

*You created all that is good and holy in your image, be close to us, your servants,  
Who gather here today. Be our constant help and protection as we lovingly reach out to  
welcome and embrace all your children, regardless of their abilities, in our parishes and schools.  
Bless our children as they grow together in faith, knowledge, and friendship. And bless their  
parents and educators who guide them through challenges, who celebrate their special gifts and  
who encourage them to reach their potential. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**December "Of The Month" Recognition**

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

**Staff Member of the Month is Angie Cummings.** Mrs. Cummings was nominated by her colleagues for her work on the seventh-grade retreat, anticipating and adjusting to changes in schedules and working with students, and her willingness to help her team and lend a solution to any issue, and staying patient and calm even during times of stress.

**Parent Volunteer of the Month is Katie Giorgio.** Mrs. Giorgio was nominated for her help whenever and however needed throughout the building. She is always willing to chip in and help out at Regis. She has assisted with the library in past years, she has helped with Royal T Night, and our staff appreciates her smiling face to serve with the coffee cart!

**6th Grade Student of the Month is Peter Nguyen.** Peter's teachers say he is respectful of peers, teachers, and materials. He is the first student to say good morning and to ask how you are doing. He has a welcoming smile and he works hard in class and always tries to do his best.

**7th Grade Student of the Month is Eleanor Renze.** Eleanor's teachers describe her as a consistently hard worker who excels in the classroom. She is strong in academics and also in her participation. She is kind to her classmates and offers great insights during class discussions. She is genuine and presents herself as a quiet yet confident leader in the classroom.

**8th Grade Student of the Month is Kyleigh Schwendeman.** Kyleigh is a kind and caring classmate who works hard and shows great consistency in her performance. She also recently had a role in the fall play and did an outstanding job as a performer.

### **#GivingTuesday 2018 - THANK YOU**

Wow! Thank you for remembering us on Giving Tuesday! Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who remembered our school as a charitable organization. Over the past week, our school received \$1,975 in donations through your generosity. These funds will be combined with proceeds raised during our Royal T Night fundraiser to upgrade the gymnasium bleachers, adding aisles and handrails for safe and easier access. Additional funds will be utilized to upgrade the gym and stage sound equipment. It's never too late to give, so if you still are interested in contributing a donation towards this need, please consider making a donation by clicking [HERE](#). Please know that your donations are appreciated by all those in the Regis community. Thank you!

### **Hawaiian Luau Mini-Dance Marathon December 6th!**

Regis students are encouraged to participate in **Hawaiian Luau** Mini-Dance Marathon on **Thursday, Dec. 6th**, 3-5 pm in the Gym. Admission alone is \$8 or admission with a "snack pack" (slice of pizza, drink and bake sale item) is \$10. All money raised will go to support the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. **December 6th is a casual day so wear your school-appropriate Hawaiian wear if you want!** Check out the Mini-Dance Marathon flyer [here](#). This event is considered a "lock-in" style event. Students are encouraged to stay in the gym throughout this time, and if they leave the event, then they will not be allowed to re-enter. Thank you for communicating in advance to your child how and when they will be picked up. The event ends promptly at 5 pm.

### **Quarter 3 Exploratory Sign Up**

Exploratory sign up took place this week during homeroom. Please talk with your student about which Exploratory class they are enrolled in for Quarter 3. Students are required to take one service exploratory class for the year. Class descriptions can be found [here](#).

### **Regis Band Shout-Out!**

Congrats and Good Luck to Victoria Gomez (alto saxophone) and Jenna Scherrman (flute) on performing with the NEIBA Honor Band on Saturday, December 1st. This is a most prestigious honor band for middle school band students in this region of the state. Way to go!

### **Royals Helping Royals**

We have a member of the Regis community who could use some assistance from a fellow Royal. The family lives too close to Regis to qualify for busing, so they are looking for help with taking their student home after school on our upcoming cold winter days. If you are willing to take a student, who lives within 2 miles of Regis, home this winter (not every day, just the really cold ones!), please contact Dianne Clarke at [dclarke@regisroyals.org](mailto:dclarke@regisroyals.org). Thank you!

### **"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 13th**.

Thank you for considering a contribution!

### **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 12 through December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!

### **Hy Vee Receipts & Box Tops**

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

### **Help Wanted: Positions Available at Regis**

**After School Bus Driver:** Do you enjoy driving and want to work a few hours a week? Regis is currently seeking a part-time bus driver for after-school activities. Driving time is variable and will be in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area with occasional trips to Iowa City/Coralville. This position also would include some hours each month for maintaining the buses. Potential drivers should have a valid Class CDL license with passenger and air brake endorsements. If interested please contact Tracie Chute at [tchute@regisroyals.org](mailto:tchute@regisroyals.org).

### **Saints Baseball 2019 Registration Open**

Saints Baseball serves the Catholic Community by providing competitive and recreational baseball for boys ages 6-14. Why Saints Baseball? Joining Saints Baseball is a great opportunity for your child to grow as a player while focusing on individual skills and teamwork. The teams will have access to nine ball diamonds located at various Catholic churches and schools. The teams also have access to a great indoor facility called St. Rita's year-round, pictures are **available on our website**. Registration for the 2019 Season is now open for all age groups. We have extended our deadline. If you want to register your son please go online to:

<http://www.teampages.com/teams/845939-Cedar-Rapids-Saint-Baseball-baseball-team-website>

Then Click on "Saints Baseball Registration Link".

### **Girls Go Stem!**

If your daughter is interested in STEM programs, they may want to consider attending *Girls Go STEM!* on Saturday, December 1st, from 9 am to 11:30 am at the University of Iowa Health Care, Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF), 375 Newton Road, Iowa City. For more information and to sign up click [HERE](#).

### **Voices Needed for St. Matthew's Jubilation**

Calling all middle school St. Matthew Jubilation choir alumni! St. Matthew Music Director, Andrew Kreigh, along with Ms. Wareham and Mrs. Bates (Gus's mom), invite you to come to sing with the Jubilation choir at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested, practice for Mass is tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 pm (this is tentative and if enough people are interested but cannot attend at this time, we can find an alternative practice time!). If you are interested or have questions regarding this, please contact Mrs. Bates (email at [collette@troybates.com](mailto:collette@troybates.com); phone/text is [309-313-2146](tel:309-313-2146)). I look forward to hearing from you and hearing your wonderful voices!

### **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Families**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will have a children's choir at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All children from 2nd grade through middle school are invited to join in the choir. There will be one rehearsal - Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 9-10:30 am in the sanctuary. If your child cannot attend the rehearsal but still wishes to participate, please let us know. We will also rehearse before Mass on Christmas Eve at 3:45 pm. Please contact Mark and/or Anna Zittergruen at [markzitt@gmail.com](mailto:markzitt@gmail.com) or 447-2090 if interested or if you have questions.

### **On the Radar**

#### **Monday, December 3 (Day 5)**

- Girls Basketball & Boys Swimming Begins
- Eclipse Vocal Rehearsal **2:50 pm**

#### **Tuesday, December 4 (Day 6)**

- Radiance Show Choir Rehearsal **7 am**
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball Pizza Party **3 pm**
- Jazz Band One Practice **3-3:45 pm**

#### **Wednesday, December 5 (Day 1)**

- Reconciliation for 7th Grade
- FTC Practice **3 pm**
- Intro to Jazz Band **3 pm**

#### **Thursday, December 6 (Day 2)**

- Eclipse Show Choir Rehearsal **7 am**
- FTC Practice **7 am**
- Mini-Dance Marathon **3-5 pm**

#### **Friday, December 7**

- NO SCHOOL -- Teacher In-Service
- FTC Competition @ McKinley Middle School **3-7 pm**

**Saturday, December 8**

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary