

The Royal Herald
A Weekly Newsletter for Regis Families
December 6th, 2018

REMINDER: No School TOMORROW, Dec. 7th

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a Teacher In-Service day so there is NO SCHOOL for students. Enjoy the 3 day weekend Royals!

Remember The Feast of the Immaculate Conception- Holy Day of Obligation: Saturday, December 8

Just a reminder The Feast of the Immaculate Conception -- a Holy Day of Obligation -- is this SATURDAY, Dec. 8th! The holy day mass will be celebrated Friday night for the vigil or Saturday morning. The mass times at our feeder parishes for the Feast of Immaculate Conception are as follows:

- All Saints: **Friday**, December 7 at **5:30pm** (Vigil)
- Immaculate Conception: **Saturday**, December 8 at **8:30am**
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: **Saturday**, December 8 at **9am**
- St. Matthew: **Saturday**, December 8 at **9am**
- St. Pius X: **Saturday**, December 8 at **9am**
- St. Wenceslaus: **Friday**, December 7 at **5:30pm** (Vigil)

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

This time of year can be a very busy and stressful time for families. Often times the joy of giving can be a strain on our time and our budgets. As a way to help you, Regis would like to suggest you consider giving a monetary gift (drop off 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 will provide a meaningful gift to our teachers/staff and will save 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!

Regis Christmas Concert - Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm

O Come, O Come... to the Regis Christmas Concert! Our Regis choirs and bands will be performing in the Richard Breitbach Gymnasium at 7 pm on **Tuesday, Dec. 11th**. All Regis families are invited to attend this great event, and the doors will open at 6:15 pm that evening.

All Regis students performing in the concert are reminded to wear their "Concert Black and White" attire (white shirts on top and black pants and shoes on the bottom!). Specific details regarding appropriate concert attire have been sent to families. Here are "call times" for our Regis students:

6:00 pm - 6th Grade Choir in choir room/7th Grade Band in the band room

6:15 pm - 7th Grade Choir in choir room/8th Grade Band in the band room

6:30 pm - 8th Grade Choir in choir room/6th Grade Band in the band room

6:50 pm - Regis Jazz One

Christmas Concert Parking Details

We are well aware of some of the parking challenges that come with big events like our Christmas Concert. Here are some things to make note of in regards to parking:

- Please, please leave the "Main Parking Lot" area for our guests with **special needs or who are elderly**. We know how exciting it can be to arrive early and get a "prime" parking spot, but for the sake of Grandparents and extended relatives, **PLEASE leave those spots for those who cannot walk as well.**
- Exterior Doors will be unlocked:
 - The door by the "sixth-grade wing" will be unlocked for easy access from the "back" parking lot.
 - The door by the Main Office (from the exterior stairway on Prairie Dr) will be unlocked for those who preferred to park on Prairie Dr and walk up the stairs
 - The Main Entrance Doors will be unlocked
- Parking in the "back" parking lot will be available. In prior years, we have parked cars on the grassy area by the baseball field, but that availability will depend upon how soft the ground is on that day. Please do your best to park NEATLY and use the cones/lines set up so that we can fit in as many vehicles as possible.
- Parking down near the tennis courts will also be available. Again, parking NEATLY will allow us to fit in as many vehicles as possible.
- Please avoid parking along the main driveway or in areas which block traffic. We **MUST** allow room for an emergency vehicle should the need arise, so please **DO NOT PARK** along the main driveway.

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 12th. Thank you for your help!

Tell Your Family & Friends with 5th Graders to SAVE THE DATE for Explore Regis!

Mark **9-11 am, Saturday, Jan. 26th** on your calendars for Explore Regis! Current fifth grade students and their families will have a chance to learn about all the wonderful opportunities Regis offers and will meet Regis students, fellow parents and our dedicated teachers and staff. More information will be coming soon, so for now SAVE THE DATE -- January 26th!

The Xavier Catholic Speech Festival is just around the corner!

Are you a 7th or 8th grader who enjoys acting and performing? If yes, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Come to a brief ten-minute informational meeting to see what Speech is all about and to get signed up. You need only to attend one of these meetings.

- Wednesday, December 12 7:30 am in room 206
- Wednesday, December 12 3:00 pm in room 206

Contact Mrs. Henley (ahenley@regisroyals.org) or Mrs. Lee (dlee@regisroyals.org) with any questions.

Student Transportation Needed! Please assist if you can!

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. Thank you!

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.

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".

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; phone/text is 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 or 447-2090 if interested or if you have questions.

Metro Catholic Outreach Update

December Greetings! Your generosity is allowing us to provide food baskets to over 330 people from almost 100 families. Here are food items we continually need to replenish: Peanut Butter, Jelly, **Soup**, Canned Meat Products, **Pasta Sauce & Tomato Products**, **Canned Fruit**, Canned Beans, Pork & Beans, **Canned Pasta (Spaghetios, etc.)**, Potatoes (fresh or flakes), **Rice products**, **Helper Meals**, Crackers, Muffin Mix, Pancake Mix, Baking mixes & supplies, Jello/Pudding can be a nice treat! Our clients can always use: Toilet Paper & other paper products, Small/trial-sized (hotel) shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, etc., Small toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, floss, etc., Full-size personal care products (for larger families), Laundry detergent & cleaning products. We rely on your steadfast support to keep serving our neighbors in need. **The items you donate should be taken directly to Metro Catholic Outreach at 420 6th Street SE, #120, Cedar Rapids.** Advent Blessings.

On the Radar

Monday, December 10 (Day 3)

- Eclipse Vocal Rehearsal **2:50 pm**

Tuesday, December 11 (Day 4)

- Radiance Show Choir Rehearsal **7 am**
- Jazz Band One Practice **3-3:45 pm**
- Christmas Concert **7 pm**

Wednesday, December 12 (Day 5)

- Liturgy **10 am**
- FTC Practice **3 pm**
- Intro to Jazz Band **3 pm**

Thursday, December 13 (Day 6)

- Eclipse Show Choir Rehearsal **7 am**
- FTC Practice **7 am**
- Boys Swimming vs. Franklin/McKinley/Taft/Roosevelt/Wilson @ Jefferson **3:30 pm**

Friday, December 14 (Day 1)

- Jazz Band One **7 am**
- Art Palette **3-4 pm**

Saturday, December 15

- Eclipse Show Choir Rehearsal **8 am - noon**
- Radiance Show Choir Rehearsal **1:30-4:30 pm**