



TUESDAY TIDBITS

December 13, 2011

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

John 14:27

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:14-16

FAITH CONNECTION

Minute Meditation:

Whether it's on Christmas Eve, at Midnight Mass, or Christmas Day itself, the celebration of the Eucharist will best remind you of just how miraculous it is that Christ came to be with us on Christmas and continues to be with us at Mass.

From: A Catholic Christmas

Daily Catholic Trivia:

What is the meaning of the word "Christmas"?

A: Christ's Mass B: Christ's manager C: Jingle Bells

Christ's Mass. So, don't take the Mass out of Christmas! The name "Christmas" has been around since 1038 when it started as the old English "Christes Maesse" and became "Crist-messe" by 1131. In many countries, the name of the holiday is the word for "birth" (eg. Natale in Italian and Navidad in Spanish)

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please join us for Mass this Wednesday at 9:00 am in the great room. The staff will be assisting in this liturgy.
- The library is in need of donations of working VCRs (not DVD players).
- With the last week of the year upon us, we would like to remind you that all outstanding balances for any school activity including hot lunch, EDP and PSA must be paid in full before report cards are released.
- Thank you to those that paid your EDP balance by December 9th. If you have an outstanding balance, please pay it by December 16th. If you wish to pay more than owed, it will carry over to 2012 and be available for your use.
- Hot lunch menu for January is currently online and will be until January 1, 2012. Remember, if your order is not placed, you will not be able to submit paper copies after the deadline. Payments are due within five (5) days of ordering but no later than January 5, 2012. Also, Ci's Ci's pizza went out

of business and we are currently using Matt's pizza located off of Berlin G Express way near Buffalo Wild Wings. You will see a small increase in the pizza prices.

- Auction winners who have the first carline reserved spots are reminded they need to be in their designated spot by 3:00. At 3:00, the first cars waiting on the top of the hill should begin to move forward to await the students. During morning carline, please be sure to pull all the way forward. Do not stop in front of the junior high or middle doorways. We appreciate your patience and assistance!
- We would like to congratulate our December Terrific Kids: 1st – Shelby Carney, 2^H – Logan Davids, 2^M – Mackenzie Penton, 3rd – Sara Kavalakkat, 4th – Sophie Hilbourn, 5th – Emily Lynch.
- Band practice has been cancelled for Thursday. Band will resume on Thursday, January 5th.
- Junior High students and parents; please bring in a note if you will be riding home with someone other than your normal carpool for early dismissal on Thursday.

Advent Activities

If you are looking for some fun and inexpensive crafts to do this Christmas, making ornaments with salt dough is a good choice. Basically, with salt, flour, water and some decorations you can make beautiful ornaments to give as gifts to family and friends. On a rainy or cold day, you will probably have these items around the house. This is an excellent craft for kids. My kids and I started making these about 3 years ago and now it has become a tradition each year during the holidays. We make these for everyone and now people look forward to getting one each year. You can also make these for any occasion. We have made them for Valentine's Day too.

What you Need

4 Cups of Flour
1 Cup of Salt
1 1/2 Cups of Hot Water
Holiday Cookie Cutters
Decorations, Glitter, Paint, Beads, Etc.

Knead the dough and roll it out to cut out shapes with cookie cutters (just like if you were making sugar cookies). Place them on a microwave safe plate and microwave on high for about 2 minutes. Paint and decorate as desired. Most of all, be creative and have a lot of fun!

Advent is not only a time of awaiting in joyful hope for the birth of our Savior, it is also a time to look at our life and take stock of where we are and where we are going. I'm sure your church is offering a penance service during this Advent season. Here is a link to an article that gives an explanation of why we need confession, and why we are so blessed to have the opportunity to participate in reconciliation.

<http://catholicmom.com/2011/12/02/confession-a-gift-that-is-always-in-season/>

Heavenly Father, when Your precious Son became a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem in poverty and simplicity, you changed our world.
As we imagine those surroundings, we join with the shepherds and the wise men in wonder and praise.

We thank you for our material lives, praise you for our spiritual lives, and trust in you for our eternal life.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PSA 2011-2012

Christmas Cookie Drop – Thursday, December 15th. Bring your creations for drop off in morning car line. Our elves will spread the cheer around with containers of yummy cookies to each and every school employee that same morning.

First Semester PSA Survey:

With the first semester almost behind us, we would like your feedback regarding our PSA activities so far this year. An online survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBCHKG2>. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Your feedback is valuable and will be used to strengthen our PSA organization. A hard copy is attached to this week's tidbits if you would prefer a paper copy. Please complete the survey online or in paper form by December 15th. We appreciate your support!

Travel the Orient Express Auction Update:

We would like to thank all those who helped organize our annual auction. The room moms who coordinated the baskets, the volunteers who donated items, and the time that was given to help set up and clean up from the event is greatly appreciated. Our auction this year profited \$10,447.00 which is more than last year. Thank you everyone!

The Teacher Holiday Breakfast was wonderful. The SCS faculty would like to thank everyone who brought in the delicious goodies.



SCS SPORTS CENTER

Soccer registration is currently taking place. If you participated in the Fall, registration fee will only apply but if you did not participate in the Fall, you must pay the registration fee, as well as the uniform fee. Players from the Fall will play at the same age group. The last day to sign up is January 5th. Please mark your calendars! Late registration will not be excepted. Forms can be downloaded off the school's web site under "students" and "athletics". If you have any questions please contact Ms Fox.

Also, we are in need of sponsors, if anyone knows a company or owns a company and would like to sponsor a team, please contact Ms Fox via email at jfox@summervillecatholic.net. The sponsorship fee is \$250.

Christmas Tree Stand:

Thank you to all who purchased their tree from the stand. We only have one tree left and about 10 wreaths. If anyone would like to purchase the remainder of the wreaths, the cost is \$10 each and can be sent home with your child. Please send the \$10 in an envelope and marked it wreath.

SCS Spirit Night:

Thank you all that came and supported the Seahawk's basketball teams this past Friday. A fun time was had by all. The stocking was won by Lauren Baggett in 5th grade.

Upcoming registrations: Tennis and Jr High baseball

Fireworks

The fireworks were stars being shot into orbit
sailing into the open sea of darkness
floating back into their death.

Robert Yanchik
6th Grade

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