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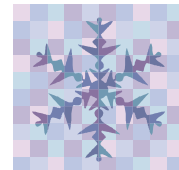
INFORMING PARENTS

Monday night was a pleasure for me! There was a meeting of parents of 4 year olds who are considering sending their child to NCCS kindergarten. During the meeting Denise Wysocki (preschool teacher) spoke about her program. Jill Kallmyer talked about admission testing and her experience as a kindergarten teacher and second grade teacher. Cindy Thompson (kindergarten teacher) finished up the night going through a typical day in NCCS kindergarten. Parents had a chance to ask questions and pick up the registration packets that will put their child on the waiting list for next year's kindergarten class. We encouraged the parents to get the completed paper work in as soon as possible.

Names are put on the waiting list in the order the completed packets are received. Priority status is assigned to siblings of NCCS students, NCCS Preschool students, NCCP members and then the general public according to a predetermined list (Handbook page 15). If you are interested in the 2010-2011 class, please have your packets to us by no later than **January 22nd** or you will not receive priority status.

Another kind of informational night will take place next Thursday (December 10th) beginning at 7PM. Fifth and sixth graders and their parents are invited to tour the Upper School and learn about the upper school program. This meeting will be hosted by Mr. VanBemmel and will include a movie produced by one of our 11th graders. All students who attend, will be treated to a Homework-free night on Thursday and a dress down day the following Friday. I hope to see many of Mrs. Armstrong's and Mrs. Streit's students in attendance. It is very exciting to hear about the next phase of the trivium (Logic) that our oldest Grammar Students will be starting soon.

In case of inclement weather, NCCS will announce its closing or delayed opening through radio stations WBAL and WRBS and television channel 11. This decision will be made by the Headmaster. If school opens two hours late, Kindergarten will begin at 10:15 and dismissed at 12:15pm. If school opens one hour late, kindergarten will do the same and will dismiss at normal time. No ECP on inclement weather days.



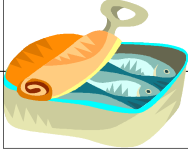
- ◇ The Brienback family- Macey (2) is awaiting surgery and now Lilly (K) has bronchitis.
- ◇ Catherine Kansler (Mom of Liam- 4pm) is having surgery on her ankle on Thursday.
- ◇ Families struggling financially and looking for jobs. Christmas is a difficult time to be unemployed.



We still have some yearbooks left in the office. \$30 for a hardback book with pictures of all NCCS students from Preschool through 10th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. This might make a nice, easy Christmas present!

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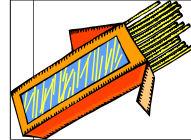
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9-** SCHOOL CLOSED. STAFF INSERVICE
- **THURSDAY, DEC. 10-** INFORMATIONAL NIGHT AT UPPER SCHOOL- 7:00 PM- 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS AND PARENTS
- **TUESDAY, DEC 15-** SECOND QUARTER INTERIMS DISTRIBUTED
- **WEDNESDAY, DEC 16-** PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY(IF YOUR CHILD WAS ABSENT ON PICTURE DAY, YOU NEED TO GET A FORM FROM THE OFFICE IN ORDER TO ORDER A PICTURE. IF YOU WERE DISSATISFIED WITH YOUR ORIGINAL PHOTOS, NO FORMS ARE NECESSARY BUT YOU MUST RETURN YOUR ORIGINAL PICTURES.
- **MONDAY, DEC 21-** 4 YEAR OLDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: 10AM AND 1PM
- **DEC 21-** CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ST MATTHEWS
- **TUESDAY, DEC 22-** 3 YEAR OLDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: 10AM (BOTH CLASSES)
- **DEC 22-** GRADES K-6 DISMISSED AT 12:00PM
- **DECEMBER 23-Jan 3-** SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION
- **MARCH 13-** SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION



Let's fill our boxes to the brim!!!

The NCCS Student Government is helping Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd with a food drive. They will be helping volunteers from LCGS assemble food baskets for needy families. Upper School students are bringing in specific food items each day of the week. I would like each grade in the Preschool and Grammar School to bring in a different item. Let's see if we can fill the boxes outside each classroom! We will be collecting from December 8th- December 16th.

- Preschool 3's- macaroni and cheese
- Preschool 4's- pasta and pasta sauce
- Kindergarten- peanut butter and jelly
- First grade- canned fruit
- Second grade- canned vegetables
- Third grade- meat (tuna, chicken...)
- Fourth grade- soup
- Fifth grade- cereal
- Sixth grade- juice



Our annual Christmas program will be held once again at St Matthews Lutheran Church. Mrs. Phillips has asked the children to arrive at 6:45 ready to find their correct place in line. Children are to wear their "Christmas finery". Girls should wear dresses and boys should wear dress shirts and ties (no jackets needed). Please follow the dress code published in our Handbook.

Vocelli's fundraiser ends this Friday. Please be sure to turn all money in by then. You have two more days to take part in this great deal!



Be sure to invite your family to this wonderful night of music and dramatic readings. The program begins at 7:00PM.