

JANUARY NEWS

January 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! May 2017 be filled with many blessings for you and your family! Thank you for your generosity to us at Christmas and throughout the year!

Thank you to all who participated in our many Christmas Activities. The choir concert, piano recitals, and band concerts helped to put us in the Christmas Spirit. Thank you to the boys and girls who gave of their time and talent. Our many Christmas traditions: the second grade Christmas Story, the school Tableau, the Courts of the King, and the many service projects also added to this wonderful season. The Student Council activities were also a huge success.

Our church is in the final stages of renovations. Mass is being held in St. Mary's Chapel, therefore, we will not be attending First Friday Mass in January.

We will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** at the end of the month. A flyer with all of our activities will be sent home. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service. We will be having Open House on Sunday, January 29th. This year the opening Mass will be at 9AM. Open House will be after the Sunday morning masses from 10AM until 1:30pm.

Congratulations to our eighth graders, Ryane and Candy. These girls have received the IHM Charism Scholarship from Villa Maria Academy High School. This partial scholarship is awarded to students who exemplify the IHM Charism. Also, we congratulate Ashley who received a partial scholarship from Bishop Shanahan for academic achievement. We are proud of you, girls!

Finally, later this month, students in grades 2 through 5 will begin having Spanish class. Sister Koreen Marie, IHM will be the instructor. We welcome Sister to our school community. Sister will be here on Thursdays beginning January 12th.

Dates to remember:

Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Sunday	January 29	Opening of Catholic Schools Week 9AM
Friday	February 3	Closing of Catholic Schools Week 8:30am Mass

God Bless you,

Sister Helen



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