



MUSIC IS IN THE AIR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON



Cathedral students will be performing their yearly Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 22nd in the Cathedral Church before the start of the Christmas break.. All parents, family and friends are invited to come and listen to our students sing their praises at this special time of year.

The concert will begin at 9:00 and students will have an early dismissal that day at 12:00 Noon. Parents may take their children with them at the conclusion of the concert, or students may stay until the 12:00 release. Lunch will be provided that day at 10:30 and there will be no aftercare following the 12:00 dismissal.

Rehearsal for the concert will take place on Monday, December 21st at 2:00 pm

Let's give the students the largest audience they've ever had and show them how proud we are of their hard work and special gift to us all.

Hope to see everyone there.

Dearest Cathedral School Families,

For those of you who were unable to attend the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner last month, I'd like to share with you that it was a nice, relaxing evening. There were only a small hand full of families who were able to make it, but I know we'd all agree that the food was delicious, and the company was delightful. I'd like to express a special thank you, to the sixth grade children who donated their time to work at the book swap. It makes me so proud to see our children giving of themselves in service to their school and community. Great work, sixth graders!

Because there were only a few families who were able to make it, I didn't have the opportunity to recognize publicly, the individual parents who volunteered for leadership positions to make our auction a success. I'd like to recognize those parents here, just because this is the only other public forum I have to use for now. The following individuals are people who work hard caring for their families and most work outside the home as well. They were an absolute joy to work with, and I'm honored to call them my friends. If you see them in the school yard, please thank them for the sacrifices that they made to give so generously of their time.

Donations Coordinator, A-Team Leader and Voice of Reason- **Gretchen Spann**

Data Entry and Information Coordinator-Extraordinaire- **Jennifer Lenardson**

Decorations Coordinator, and Super-Mom- **Jill Spina**

Publicity, Donations Receiving, and All-Around Angel - **Louise Carpentier**

Donations Receiving and Over-All Super- Supporter- **Ellen Briggs**

Italian Heritage Liaison, Front end, night-of Supervisor, and Donations Queen- **Gemma Cannon**

Ticket Sales Coordinator, and Spread-sheet Super-Woman- **Denise Lawsure**

Graphics Designer and Most Patient and Kind Printer- **Mike Rosmus**

Day-Of Set Up Coordinator and Display King- **Curtis Ham**

Acknowledgments Coordinator and "Can-do" Mamma- **Corey Saenz**

Night-Of Back Room Coordinator and Fearless Leader of Children- **Heather Tanguay**

Night-of "Dream-Team" - led by **Emma Ackles and the Jesuit Volunteers!**

Auction Co-chair, Corporate Donations Solicitor, and Surrogate-Mother - **Anne Conroy**

Basket coordinator and Room Parent-Extraordinaire - **Jean Proctor**

Finance Coordinator and Pie Chart Master - **Heidi Roberts**

I also must recognize **Mrs. Zana Holman**, who courageously shared her faith and family story the night of the auction. There was not a dry eye in the house that night. Zana is an example of true bravery, faith, commitment, and sincerity. I'm proud to know her. Thank you, Zana!

Of course this list does not cover those who attended the meetings, shared their ideas, or contributed in other ways. **There were numerous others who worked the day and night of the auction, or helped to decorate at our decorating party, and the night before the event.** Many of you brought in donations, and some of you were true Champions in this area. There are too many individuals to name, but please know that I extend to you my most sincere and deep gratitude for your participation. **This colossal endeavor would not be possible without all of your input.** Thank you so much.

I could easily gush on with more stories of kindness, resilience and fun; stories of success and challenges met; stories that humble me as a volunteer, and make me grateful to be a part of a community that cares. I hope that the success of our auction this year, motivates those of you who haven't had the chance to volunteer yet. We'll have more opportunities for involvement coming soon. Volunteering is a worthwhile endeavor. It is not always easy, but the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices.

May God Bless all of you this Holy Advent Season. I hope to see many, many parents at the children's Christmas concert next week!

Michele Bernier

(mother of Catherine, grade 3 and Matthew 5 year Cathedral veteran!)

Honor Roll

We would like to express our pride and congratulations to the following students for making the honor this past quarter. To attain this status, students must have a grade average of 85 or above.

- **8th grade:**
 - Blaise Butera
 - Adwin Dougingu
 - Yosief Gebrewahid
 - Charline Kirongozi
 - Ben LaMontagne
 - Mahalia Saenz
 - Dorcas Thete
 - Nancy Umba
- **7th grade:**
 - Celeste Bilolo
 - Luis DuBon
 - Laura Holman
 - Zordan Holman
 - Patti Wani
- **6th grade:**
 - Emmanuel Bilolo
 - Lodia Ismail
 - Nate Martin
 - Madlien Valerio

Bulletin Board

Have you taken a walk on the first floor of our school lately?

Just outside of the Pre-K classroom there is a new bulletin board to keep you informed of all the news and happenings that are going on in our children's lives, as well as important opportunities for parent involvement.

We are currently looking for someone to volunteer just a little bit of their time to keep the board up to date. If you have an eye for display, and might be interested in helping, please contact Michele Bernier at michele.bernier@maine.edu or phone 899-4126

K-3rd Grade Basketball

K-3 Basket ball will be starting right after the Christmas Break, in January, and we're in need of parents to help the kids! Preferred practice days are Tuesdays or Thursdays, but we can be flexible. Contact Heather Tanguay at 321-1662 or htanguay@waynflete.org for more information on how you can help with the basketball program.

In our prayers:

We offer our prayers this month for the Giusti family, celebrating a new birth! Congratulations Uncle Jonathan (grade 8) and Aunt Sammy (grade 4)! May God Bless all of your family with health and happiness!

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 11th: Art Show and Drama Production Preview – 3:00 at School

Thursday, December 18th: Progress Reports

Tuesday, December 22nd: Christmas Concert & Early Release

Thursday, December 24th: Children's Christmas Pageant and Mass
– 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral

Thursday, January 7th: • Room Parent Meeting – 5:30 p.m. at School
• Home & School Association Meeting – 6:00 p.m. at School

Sunday, January 31st – Saturday, February 6th: Catholic Schools Week
– *Special Event Calendar in our next issue!*

Catholic School's Week

January 31st – February 6th

We are approaching the time of year once again to celebrate the service that catholic schools provide to our children throughout the year. Our Principal and teachers plan a variety of activities, along with the help of the Cathedral School Parents. Would you like to share your ideas for some fun events during Catholic Schools week? If so, join us at our next Home and School Association meeting, right after Christmas vacation. See the "Important Dates to Remember" section of this publication for more information.



The theme for the week will reflect our auction which was held in October... "We Believe." The celebration will kick off with the 10:00 Mass on Sunday January 31st, highlighting our amazing Cathedral students. Other events such as our Famous Family Game Night and library grand opening will take place as well.

Come One, Come All!

January Home & School Association Meeting

Please join us Thursday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the school for our Home & School Association Meeting. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend as we discuss our budget as well as make plans for the best Catholic School's Week ever.

Library Grand Opening

One of the greatest gifts you can give a child is the ability to read. Reading not only enriches their vocabulary but helps to expand their minds and provide endless entertainment that will be cherished forever.

Just think about that one book which you will never forget. How it touched you in a special way. Now think about how great it will be for your own children to have a similar experience.

That is just one of the reasons we are celebrating the opening of our new, refurbished and updated library during Catholic Schools week. You will be able to see the vast volumes of books as well as the new computers which will be available for all of our students to help enhance their learning.

We've made a lot of progress in the library, but could use a few more helping hands. For more information, contact Heather Tanguay at 321-1662 or htanguay@waynflete.org.

Please join us for the blessing and grand opening of this wonderful addition to our school.

We Did It!

We are overjoyed to give our final report of the resounding success of our 2009 auction. The final amount of money raised for our school was more than \$37,000 against a goal of \$33,000. It is with heartfelt joy and much gratitude that we send a thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.