

ST. PETER'S KEYS

CHOOSE JOY!!!

December 12, 2022

CLASSROOM CORNER

We are about 12 days away from Christmas! Are you ready? Are you enjoying? Are you stressed? If you are like me, it probably depends on the hour. I was lucky enough to come across a devotion about rest in the holiday season. Ha, right?! I always try to have everything set and ready by December 1st so I am able to enjoy the Christmas season. It never happens! It always seems like a rush to finish everything, lists that are longer than usual with less crossed off. It sometimes becomes frustrating. The devotion had a great verse for this time...

In Matthew, 11:28-30 "*Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me- watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.*"

This verse along with the devotion, reminded me to rest and truly embrace the season. We can do this a few ways. It takes a conscious effort to do these things, but it is truly helping me relax and enjoy the holiday season. Here are some of the ways if you would like to try....

- Celebrate and reflect each day with an advent devotional
- Plan in "NO" Days. Just stay home and fill the time with peaceful activities
- Unplug... talk to each other

I hope you are able to rest and enjoy the reason for the season....Jesus!

4th and 5th Grade Happenings:

We have been working hard learning and creating fun Christmas gifts. We are currently reading, *The Family Under the Bridge*. A sweet, Newbery Honor Book about a homeless man in France who finds an unexpected gift for Christmas.

In, Social Studies we are traveling through the southeast region. We have collected lots of post cards. We are still short a few states of having one from each of the 50 states. If you know anyone who lives out of state, have them send us a post card for our collection!

Science has us studying rocks and landforms. We learned about "diamonds" found right here in New York! They are Herkimer Diamonds, but diamonds are diamonds, right??

Mrs. McKie

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST

All families are invited to join us on Thursday, December 22nd at 9:30 am for our K-8 Music Fest. Your child has been practicing in Music Class for this wonderful presentation. All are welcome to attend. You may begin entering the building at 9:15 am at the entrance near the office.

Just a reminder....there is an 11:30 am dismissal for K-8 on this day. If the Music Fest ends earlier, you may take your child home with you. Students will return to their classroom and be called to meet parents in the gym. Pre-K will dismiss at 11:15 am.

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THIS WEEK

12/13	Christmas Shop (See Attached) Girl's Basketball Practice 3—4:30 pm
12/14	Christmas Shop (See Attached) 5 Week Reports Sent Home Boy's Basketball Practice 3—4:30 pm Advent Service 7 pm
12/15	Chapel Drama Club Practice 2:45—4:45 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

12/18	Join Us for Worship Services at 8:30 am or 11 am SS Program at 11 am Service
12/21	Christmas PJ Day Christmas Fun in Classrooms Pizza provided by Thrivent Movie in the Gym NO AFTERSCHOOL Staff Party—3:15 pm Advent Service 7 pm
12/22	Christmas Music Fest 9:30 am Guests may enter at 9:15 am 1/2 Day Dismissal Pre-K 11:15 am K-8 11:30 am NO AFTERSCHOOL

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The Christmas Gift Shop will be open for Grades Pre-K through 8 this Tuesday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 14th. Students may shop for family members during their designated shopping time. Classroom teachers will be assisting their students purchases and will let students know what day and time they will be shopping. A flier is attached with more details.



CHRISTMAS KINDNESS PROJECT

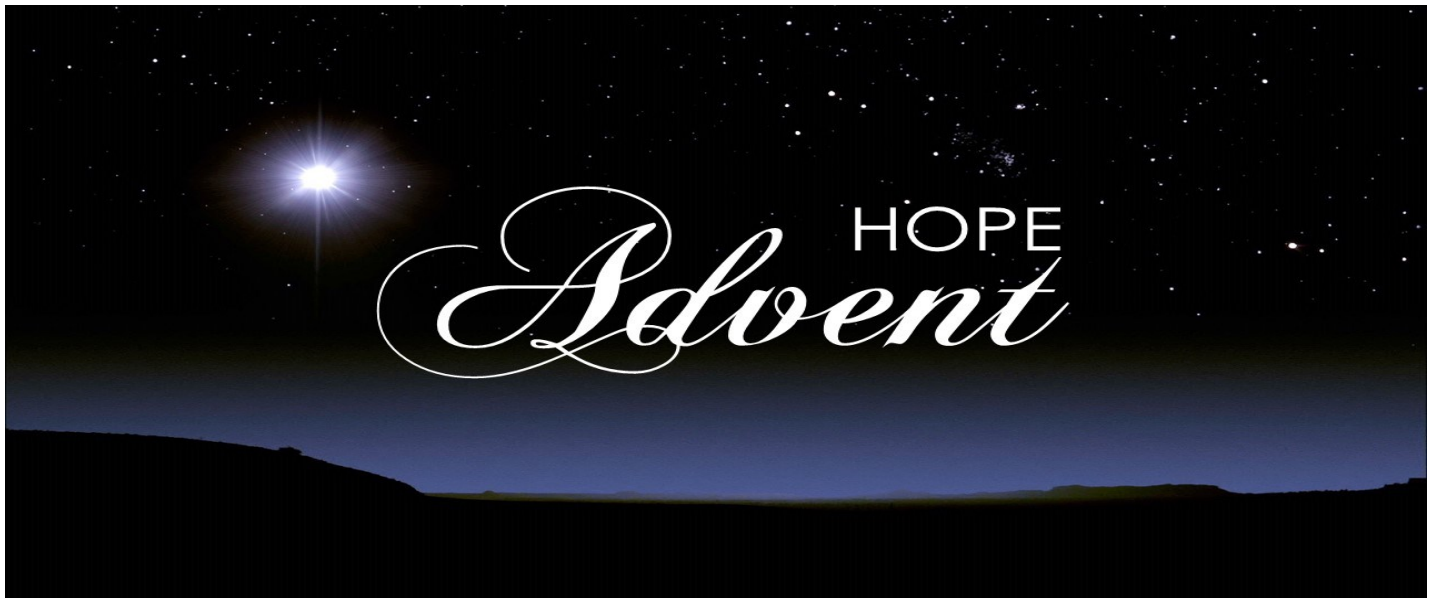
CHRISTMAS PJ DAY

It's that time of the year where we are looking to spread some JOY to those in need. Our Christmas Kindness Project is about to begin. Please see below a list of items that we will be collecting and distributing to The Lighthouse Women & Children Center in Niagara Falls. We are always happy to help our dear friend Joanne Lorenzo in this area of ministry.

In addition to the items listed below, they are always in need of peanut butter and jelly. If you would like to include some Christmas candy goodies that will be appreciated., as well. Thank you for helping us spread JOY this Christmas season.

Wednesday, December 21st will be a Christmas PJ Day. Thrivent will be purchasing pizza for all students and staff on this day and classrooms will be having a party. Please note that snack box, ice cream and milk will not be available on this day.

Please bring a blanket to school as we will have a movie in the gym after lunch.



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and his mercy endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11/28 Can of Corn	11/29 Jar or can of Applesauce	11/30 Box of Mac and Cheese	12/1 Box or Bag of Pasta (any kind)	12/2 New Winter Hat or Scarf (any size)
12/5 Can of Soup (any flavor)	12/6 Jar or Can of Spaghetti Sauce	12/7 Box of Cereal (any kind)	12/8 Box or Bag of Stuffing (any flavor)	12/9 New Gloves or Mittens (any size)
12/12 Can of Green Beans	12/13 Jar or can of Turkey or Chicken Gravy	12/14 Can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes	12/15 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes	12/16 New Fleece Blanket (any size)

**AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP
*Week of December 19th
Due on December 15th**

Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,
2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

Family Reg for the year is \$30.00.

Emergency (family not registered)
\$7.00 per hour

Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
day after Thursday.

Name _____

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Hrs. ___ ___ XXX XXX XXX

Name _____

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Hrs. ___ ___ XXX XXX XXX

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**Looking Ahead.....
NO AFTERSCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY,
12/21 AND THURSDAY, 12/22**

Please complete for
week of
12/19/22
and week of
1/2/23.

**AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP
*Week of January 2nd
Due on December 15th**

Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,
2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

Family Reg for the year is \$30.00.

Emergency (family not registered)
\$7.00 per hour

Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
day after Thursday.

Name _____

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Hrs. XXX ___ ___ ___ ___

Name _____

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Hrs. XXX ___ ___ ___ ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**NO SCHOOL
JANUARY 2ND**

**THIS THURSDAY, (12/15)
FOR LUNCH
CHICKEN PARMESAN, SIDE OF PASTA
AND VEGGIES
(Orders due Tuesday, 12/13)**

Name _____ Gr _____

___ Small—\$3.00 _____

___ Large—\$4.25 _____

Total Enclosed _____

**Please provide exact change.
Proceeds to benefit
Drama Club**

**THIS FRIDAY, (12/16)
FOR LUNCH
PIZZA
(Orders due Tuesday, 12/13)**

Name _____ Gr _____

___ Slice Cheese @ \$1.75 _____

___ Slice Pepperoni @ \$2.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

**Please provide exact change.
Proceeds to benefit
Love Offering to St. Peter's Church**

**NEXT TUESDAY, (12/20)
FOR LUNCH
PIZZA OR BUFFALO CHICKEN LOGS,
CAESAR SALAD OR CARROTS AND CELERY
(Orders due Tuesday, 12/13)**

Name _____ Gr _____

PLEASE CIRCLE:

Pizza Logs OR Buffalo Chicken Logs

Caesar Side Salad OR Carrots and Celery

___ Small 2 pc.—\$4.00 _____

___ Large 4 pc.—\$6.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

**Please provide exact change.
Proceeds to benefit
7th and 8th NYC Trip and Emily Smith's Acct.**