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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

I am very pleased to announce to the school community that we raised over \$18,000 at our annual auction. Given today's difficult economy, that is a very impressive figure. Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this fundraiser. Ultimately, our students will benefit from your generosity because this money supports our operating budget.

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week due to the holiday. My best wishes to everyone in our school community for a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving!

### PICTURES, TAKE 2...

Hockmeyer Studios will be here on **Thursday, December 8** for any retakes, and PK III students will have their pictures taken as well.

School uniforms must be worn for pictures. If Thursday is your child's gym day, they may bring their gym clothes to change into after the pictures are taken.

### PTO NEWS...

This month's Dress Down Day is tomorrow - **Friday, November 18**.

The next PTO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13** at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss plans for upcoming events such as the Christmas Store, Polar Plunge (1/1/12), and Comedy Night (2/10/12). We have plenty of great activities coming up and all are welcome to get involved!

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES...

Session 2 of our very popular cooking series will start on **Monday, November 28**, with a four week class on making holiday treats. Registration forms are due by Tuesday, November 22.

### PAJAMA NIGHT...

Pajama Night will be **Friday, December 2** from 2:30 – 7:30 pm. This fun-filled evening is open to children in grades K – 8. Registration forms are due by Wednesday, November 30.

### FIRST ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE...

Please join us for our Open House tonight, **Thursday, November 17**, from **6:00 to 7:30 pm** to celebrate our first quarter work. You are welcome to bring your children with you!

### CALENDAR REMINDERS...

**Tuesday, November 22** – Thanksgiving Prayer Service, 9:00 am in the gym. Please join us if you are able to do so. The prayer service will be lead by our sixth grade students.

**Sunday, November 27** – First Sunday of Advent

**Thursday, December 8** – Feast of the Immaculate Conception; please join us for Mass at 12:00 pm.

**Wednesday, December 21** – Christmas Concert, 1:00 pm

**Thursday, December 22** – No School, Cardinal's Day Off

**Friday, December 23 – Monday, January 2** – Christmas Break

### CLASSROOM NEWS...

Our classroom news this week features happenings in PreK, K, 1, and 2. Be sure to check out their excellent classroom displays at our Open House tonight!

Did you know that our students in preschool and the primary level benefit from the **Lively Letters Program**? This supplemental curriculum provides interactive phonics instruction through pictures and songs, starting with letter and sound recognition and continues to support the children as they learn to read.

Our PreK students are very excited to perform "**The Land of Many Colors**" for their families tomorrow. Students in PK I are acting out this lovely children's story about acceptance and unity, and PK II students will be singing for the audience. I had the opportunity to see a dress rehearsal yesterday – it was terrific!

Students in the primary grades are looking forward to watching "The Mouse on the Mayflower" together next week as a pre-Thanksgiving activity.

### PARISH EVENTS...

Please visit the Christmas Fair on **Saturday, November 19** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.