

An Education We Can Have Faith In

December 2011 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

- December 6th 6:30 pm
Safe and Sacred Training
School Library
- December 7th No School Mass
- December 8th 9:00 am Mass
Immaculate Conception
- December 9th
6:30 pm Church
K-8 Music Program
- December 14th No Mass
9:00 – 11:00 am
School Reconciliation Service
- December 14th 6:30 pm
School Committee
Library
- December 15th 12:45 pm
Baby Jesus Party
Grade 1-4
- December 15th 6:00 pm
Preschool Christmas Program
Social Hall
- December 24th 4:00 pm
Christmas Eve Mass
Children's Mass
- Christmas Break
December 24th – January 2nd
- January 3rd School Resumes



From the Desk of Mr. Bell...

Christmas is almost here. Winter is trying to show its cold and snowy face. We have made it through our first Wednesday School Mass with the changes in the Roman Missal: “The Lord be with you. - And with your spirit.” It can be hard at times to remember that we are in the season of Advent, especially with all the Christmas around us. As you prepared for Christmas, remember its true meaning – the birth of our Savior.

All the parts are in! Hopefully in the next week, I'll have the chance to finish installing all the interactive Mimio Boards. Once this is done, Kindergarten through 8th grade will all have one! I look forward to what this new technology will add to each classroom and a chance for you to come in and see this new technology in action.

May you and your family have a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Years!

Christmas Shoppe

Tuesday, December 20th

Please continue to bring in your donations for the Christmas Shoppe. This is put on by the OLL Home and School Association. Each gift will be sold for 50¢. Students will be able to wrap the gifts. We ask that you send in present “name” tags with your child to help with the wrapping process.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 am

No Mass on Wednesday, December 7th.

**WATCH FOR ALL THE EVENTS
HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER!**

Silent Fundraisers

Please send in any used ink cartridges by Dec. 15th

Keep collecting Box Tops for Education, Milk Caps & symbol from cottage cheese, etc, Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup Labels, etc), Tyson Labels, Coke tops and codes from inside Coke Products boxes

We are no longer collecting the Capri Sun pouches



As part of our dress code and to add more school spirit we are asking that everyone wear a school shirt or the school colors (red/white) to our Wednesday School Masses. Let's fill the church and school with School Pride each and every Wednesday!

FYI: Each Wednesday School Mass we have a collection. The money collected during this Mass is put towards the school technology fund. This fund helps us pay for the computers, printers, and purchase of new or repair of current equipment.

Free and Reduced Lunch forms are available in the school office. If you have had a change in employment or your working situation, there is help for qualifying families for school hot lunches. However, you have to fill out a form each year. So even if you have filled it out before, but something has changed in your employment status, fill it out again as you might now qualify. Our Free and Reduced count also not only helps you with your hot lunch bill, but also helps OLL receive Title funding and services from Ashland Public School. Lunch is a pre-paid program. Please keep your child's lunch account up to date.

December is Responsibility Month

During the Month of December our Core Value will be Responsibility. We will work to instill that students:

- do the jobs you're expected to do
- help others when you can
- do your work to the best of your ability
- accept your mistakes and learn from them, don't make excuses

Coldness and Recess

As a reminder, please make sure your child(ren) is dressed for outside recess. Unless it is raining or the temperature is 0° (regular or wind-chill) or below, students will go out for recess. We also consider the wind coming off of the lake and the temperature when deciding on outside or inside recess.

Preschool is going to a 12 month program!

In order to better serve our families, we have decided, starting summer 2012 that we will have a 12 month preschool program. This program will be open to not only preschool students/families, but also families with students from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. We will be sending out a "sign up" form / survey form to gauge a registration number.



OLL School will again be involved in the **CANSKI Program**. It is an afterschool ski program on Fridays in January and February. The CANSKI organization has ski equipment for rental if you do not have any.

Jan. 5th is the registration and equipment checkout at the high school commons area from 5:30 to 7Pm. Membership is \$25 per student or \$55 per family. Rental of equipment is \$15 per student or \$60 per family for the season. Scholarships are available. You can ask at registration or read the information at the CANSKI website www.4hc4hcanski.org

We will need volunteer drivers to transport students to the hospital trails. Students will be picked up at the hospital trails at the end of each session by parents. Please contact Mrs. Swiston about helping or if you have any questions about the program. Permission slips for the transportation will be given out in December.

Home and School Association Column:

The second annual O.L.L. Movie Night at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center was a huge success! Many families in attendance, snacks and drinks in abundance, and a wonderful Christmas story!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended, supported, and/or donated to make movie night a huge success! Home and School Association's next big event will be the second annual Christmas Store, December 20, 2011. Gift wrap and donations are appreciated! There is a designated donation site in the hall across from the school office. Volunteers are still needed for December 20th during school hours to work in the Christmas store.

We would like to encourage any family interested to attend Home and School's next meeting! We will meet January 9, 2011, at 4:3 pm.

Be sure to check the Lost and Found located outside of the School Office door.

We have a number of hats, gloves, sweatshirts, and even some coats too!

Think **SCRIP** for Christmas!

Preparing for Christmas just got a whole lot easier!! Here's how: Take out your shopping list and choose a SCRIP card for everyone on it. You'll need to place your order, either online or at the Parish Office, or in the North Entrance after school and prepay by no later than **Monday, December 12th** to ensure that your order will arrive in time for Christmas! Don't forget to buy SCRIP for all your holiday grocery shopping too!

Support these local businesses by purchasing SCRIP:

ACE Hardware	Arby's	Ashland Floral	Book World KFC
BP	Burger King	Color Center	County Market
Family Video	Holiday	Home Expressions	JC Penney
Little Caesars	Maurices	Midland	Radio Shack
Sears	Shell	Subway	McRae True Value
	Walgreen's	Wal-Mart	

NEW TO SCRIP:

Deep Water, Break Water, Black Cat, Tap Roots Coffee Shop, New China Restaurant

Pamida and The Plater – coming soon!!!!

**In the event of severe winter weather,
if the Ashland Public Schools are closed, so is
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School.**