

Good Morning,

There is lots going on at BSS as we move through the Advent season. Here are a few updates...

(1) **Dr. Rob Visits BSS - Wednesday, December 13:** Our school psychologist, Dr. Rob Stadolnik, will make his next visit to BSS on Wednesday, December 13. He still has a couple of open slots during the 12:30-3:30 window that he will visit us. If you would like to book a 1/2 hour slot, please contact Michelle at [msaunders@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:msaunders@blessedsacrament.org). Dr. Rob has been a tremendous resource for our parents - please take advantage of this opportunity!

(2) **BSS Grade 1-8 Christmas Concerts:** Our annual BSS Grade 1-8 Christmas Concerts will be held next Tuesday, December 12 here at school. We will have two concerts during the day - one at 1:00pm, and the other at 6:30pm. The afternoon concert is a great opportunity for grandparents and other friends to see the concert, as the crowd is always much lighter in the afternoon. We will have more information about the concerts next week, including reminders about parking plans during the afternoon concert.

(3) **Family Christmas Caroling:** Join other BSS families on Saturday, December 16 at 1:00pm for Christmas caroling with elderly residents of Sunrise Assisted Living in Norwood. To sign up, please contact Carolyn Herman at [Carolyn.w.herman@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.w.herman@gmail.com) What a great way to spread joy during the Christmas season!

(4) **Giving Tree:** Many of you have noticed the "Giving Tree" in the gym foyer. The ornaments on this tree include requests for gifts to benefit the parish's Christmas charity drive, which will benefit about a dozen different local charities this Christmas. There are still a few more ornaments on the tree, so please consider taking one today or tomorrow. All gifts must be returned to BSS by next Monday, December 11. Gifts can be left under either of the trees in the gym foyer.

(5) **Parish Christmas Concert:** Adding spirit to the holiday season, everyone from BSS is invited to hear musical performances this weekend by the Children's, Adult, and Hand Bells choirs of the Matthew 13 Collaborative Music Ministry. Several BSS students and Alumni will be singing. The event, "Advent with Mary," will be held this Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

#### **Additional Reminders:**

- All "Lights for Loved Ones" names and donations should be returned to the main office by Friday morning, December 8. We will light the BSS tree after Mass on Friday morning.

- Friday, December 8 is a 1/2 day for all students. Students will be dismissed according to the following schedule:

11:45 - PS, PreK & K

11:50 - Grades 1-3

11:55 - Grades 4-5

12:00 - Grades 6-8

**There is no afternoon bus, and no extended day program on Friday.**

PS & PreK Parents: at dismissal time, please be sure that you park in rows as you would at a regular 2:20 dismissal, not in any of the parking spaces.

- All parents are welcome to join us for Mass this Friday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will begin at 8:30am on Friday.

- We still have a few more BSS ornaments available for purchase. If you'd like an ornament, just send me an email at [jspillman@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:jspillman@blessedsacrament.org) and I'll send one home with your child. The porcelain ornaments cost \$12 and payments can be made through FACTS.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Jim