

FRIDAY FOLDERS
NOVEMBER 30TH



Service Club members will be working to collect toys to wrap and donate to the Community Service Corps at Cardinal O'Hara High School. There will be a **voluntary dress down** day on Thursday, December 6th to help raise money for this charity. If your child would like to participate they may dress down that day but we ask for either a toy or small monetary donation towards this project. All of the toys will be distributed to children in need throughout Delaware County by Cardinal O'Hara service members.



will be held this coming Monday and Tuesday, December 3 & 4th-12:00 dismissal. There is CARES but you must let the office know by Monday morning (8:30 a.m.) if your child is staying or else we cannot offer this service. Report Cards will be distributed at these conferences. If you are not coming in for a conference, report cards will be sent home via your child on Wednesday.



Reminder that the Parent Meeting called by Monsignor Diamond will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:15 in Walker Hall. We do ask that at least 1 parent from every family attend this meeting. This meeting is a follow-up to the email that Monsignor sent

out on November 20th regarding the grant from the Catholic Foundation. The children will have no homework this night and childcare, if needed, will be available.



is scheduled for Monday, December 10th in church. Students in Grades K-8 are expected to be in attendance. Students are to wear their school uniforms. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:00 p.m. Students arrive in church and sit in their designated places. Parents are asked to take their child's coat with them.
- 6:15 p.m. Band will begin their portion of the concert
- 6:30 p.m. School Christmas Concert
Dismissal is from church



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Is scheduled for Friday, December 14th. Students may wear green and red and accessorize with a Christmas theme if they wish (no uniform)

Students will have the opportunity to shop for their family members, visit with Santa and enjoy some Christmas “treats”.

Mrs. Rumignani is coordinating this event and we are most grateful for her generosity; in addition; we are very grateful to the Home & School Association and the many parent volunteers who make this special day possible.

If you would still like to help please contact Mrs. Rumignani. You must have all clearances on file.



As evidenced by the snow storm a few weeks ago, early dismissals can happen without much warning. School districts just call us and say that they are sending buses out to pick up their students. This does not give us a lot of time to notify everyone BUT we certainly do our best. This is why every family must have a plan in place; we suggest the following:

1. Make sure you have your phone on for days where there is the possibility of snow in the forecast.
2. Make sure you tell the teacher beforehand if you want your child to ride the bus. If we do not hear from the parent once the Option C message goes out, we will put the child on the bus. (If there is an early weather dismissal, there is NO CARES.)
3. Make sure you make arrangements with a neighbor, a friend to meet your child at bus stop in case you can't be there.
4. Please understand that teachers also need to make it home safely so having children left behind is not only scary for the child but also puts teachers in dangerous driving conditions the longer they wait.
5. Complete the **emergency dismissal paper** and return to school so we have a record of what you want for your child. The teachers distributed them to every new family this week. If you have made any changes to the paper you submitted last year, please call school.



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 7 p.m. in church. There will be many priests available to hear confessions. Please make every effort to celebrate this sacrament before Christmas.



Dec. 3 & 4

Parent Conferences, Noon dismissal. CARES available. Let us know if child will be in CARES.

Dec. 6

Dress Down Day for Toy Drive

Dec. 10

Christmas Concert

Dec. 14 Christmas Village
Dec. 18 Parish Penance Service
Dec. 21 12:00 dismissal, NO CARES

Jan 3 School Resumes

Feb. 1 Family BINGO
Feb. 7 Talent Show



Have a Relaxing Weekend!

Christmas Collection for Specials

As we begin celebrating the Christmas season, please take some time to think about the many ways our “Specials” teachers and staff guide and serve our children’s needs throughout the year. In appreciation of all the wonderful things they do, the Home and School Association will be collecting money to be distributed to the following group:

Mrs. Tammy Brogan (Phys Ed)

Mrs. Kay Burgess (Media)

Mrs. Amy Costello (Music)

Mrs. Gabriela Lomeli (Spanish)

Mrs. Mary Ellen Sokoloff (Religion)

Mrs. Diane Frank (Advanced Math)

Ms. Chelsea Campbell (Administrative Assistant)

Mrs. Linda Bower (School Nurse)

Mrs. Margie Melchiorre (Choir)

Each person will receive a card noting the family names that contributed toward their gift. If you wish to contribute to the group gift for the aforementioned “Specials” teachers, please send your contribution in whatever amount you are comfortable by **Friday December 14**.

As a reminder, if your child participates in CARES, please consider giving to them separately, as well.

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## *Christmas Collection for Specials*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ or Check \_\_\_\_

If paying by check, please make payable to St. Cornelius HSA.

Please enclose this page and your contribution in an envelope clearly marked “HSA: Specials Gifts” by **Friday December 14**.



## *St. Cornelius Christmas Village*

### *Save the Date!*

Parents, please consider volunteering this year for our wonderful Christmas Village. The more the merrier!

Setup - Thursday, December 13 from 1-3pm in Walker Hall

Event - Friday, December 14 from 8-2:20pm in Walker Hall

(morning, afternoon, all day) (lunch provided)

Cleanup - Friday, December 14 from 2:20-3pm in Walker Hall

Please sign up for volunteer positions on a SignUp Genius that will be posted on the school website soon. All volunteers must have their clearances.



## Christmas Village

The most wonderful time of the year!!

We need everyone's help to make this a fun day. Each student is asked to contribute to Mrs. Claus' Bake Shop!

- PK3: Dozen cookies
- PK4-A: Bags individual pretzels
- PK4-B: Dozen cookies
- K: Dozen cookies
- 1st: Bags indiv popcorn
- 2nd: Dozen cookies
- 3rd: Dozen cookies
- 4th: Bags indiv popcorn
- 5th: Bags indiv pretzels
- 6th: Dozen Cookies
- 7th: Dozen Cookies
- 8th: Dozen Cookies

\*\*\*COOKIES MUST BE NUT FREE\*\*\*

*Contributions may be brought into school on Thurs 12/13 or  
Fri 12/14*

*Families with several children please contribute as you see  
fit.*

*Any Questions: Barb Giordano  
5giordanos@comcast.net*



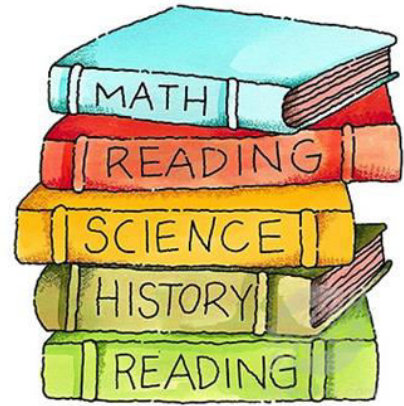
# Homework Hangout

*The new and improved homework club!*

**January Dates:** 1/7, 1/14, and 1/28

After School from 3:00pm – 3:45pm

\$30 per student (for all 4 sessions)



Students in grades 1 through 4 are invited to sign up for Homework Hangout each month to work on strengthening math and reading skills. Students will work in small groups to complete assigned homework before completing an enrichment activity focused around the current curriculum. The enrichment activities will include curriculum-based games, problem-solving activities, and hands on learning that will not only help your child advance academically but will also be fun and engaging!

Please feel free to contact either teacher through email with questions.

Ms. Kohlbrenner  
[akohlbrenner@scornelius.org](mailto:akohlbrenner@scornelius.org)

Ms. Davidson  
[adavidson@scornelius.org](mailto:adavidson@scornelius.org)

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Please print to complete the information below and return to Ms. Kohlbrenner or Ms. Davidson with the \$30 club fee (cash or checks payable to Ms. Kohlbrenner or Ms. Davidson) in a closed envelope labeled "Homework Hangout".

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Target Area:                      Reading                      Math                      Both

Parent name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up (circle):                      Car                      Cares

WINTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

2018-2019

FAMILY NAME: (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME & GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

BEST CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CASE OF AN EARLY WEATHER-RELATED EARLY DISMISSAL MY CHILD IS TO:

\_\_\_\_\_ Go home on the bus even if earlier than scheduled. My child knows what to do on arrival at home.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child

\_\_\_\_\_ If there is no CARES, please indicate what your plans will be for pick- up. \_\_\_\_\_

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We appreciate your help with this. I will make an Option C call to let you know when school will dismiss or when a district will be sending buses. However; I do realize that many of you do not work close to school so that is why it is important to have a "neighbor plan" in place.

Our goal is to have all students, parents, teachers, and staff return home safely. Hopefully, we never have to do this but it is better to be prepared.



# Seek First the Kingdom

*Parents in Partnership with God – Sharing Faith with Children*

*A Ministry of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, Pennsylvania*

## PARENTS – FIRST TEACHERS OF PRAYER Part 2 of 6: Parent Blessings

As the *First Herald of the Gospel* to children, it is the parent-privilege to introduce a child to God and to prayer-ways that engage the child in conversation with God.

Conversation leads to knowing;  
knowing leads to loving;  
loving leads to serving.

This bulletin is one of six newsletters:

- Prayer Prompts
- Parent Blessings
- Love for Scripture
- Blessed Sacrament Prayer
- Participation in Mass
- Sunday Gospel "Take-Aways"

May the suggestions that follow support you, the parent, to fulfill this divine task.

Heart-lessons can come from any source. For instance, in the Shakespeare play, *The Merchant of Venice*, the character Portia told Shylock that mercy is a gift that keeps on giving. She said that mercy "is twice blest: it blesses him that gives and him that receives."

Parents exercise that dynamic when they BLESS their children. A blessing calls on God to gift another. And while gifting, the blessing binds a parent closer to the child and visa-versa.

Though ordained priests are universally viewed as dispensers of blessings, all baptized persons are charged to imitate Jesus – the High Priest – who is priest, prophet, and king. Baptism and the promises that parents made at the baptism of their children commission parents to live the role of parent-priest within the family.

A blessing is a form of prayer. Imagine the effect if a child routinely heard his/her parent recite the words: *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."* (Deuteronomy 6: 24-26)

Blessings can take any form. Some examples follow:

1. **Upon wakeup** the parent says, "Good morning, Hart. You are a gift from God." Hart responds: "And everything God makes is good!"
2. **At bedtime** the parent says, "Good night, Brennan, and God bless you. May God watch over you and keep you, and may you grow up to be a good and healthy girl." (Kiss) "I love you, Brennan."
3. **Upon leaving the house** the parent signs the child's forehead with a cross. Perhaps saying, "Represent our family well and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."
4. **At the sound of sirens** pray something like, "O God, we beseech you to help your servants whom you have redeemed

*with your precious blood." Or "Come to their aid, O God of the universe!"*

5. When **beginning a conversation of substance**: "May the word of God be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts." Trace the Sign of the Cross on the forehead, on top of the lips, and over the heart while saying the blessing.

6. Have at-the-ready abbreviated **scripture pocket-phrases** like "Go in peace! May God be your rock, your refuge, your shield" (2 Samuel 22:3-4). "May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7). "May the God of all comfort, comfort you in your situation" (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope" (Romans 15:13).