



Prayer Intentions:

For the Schroeder Family whose uncle passed away.

Damon & Kaylee Meade's dad who broke his ankle.

For those who are sick with Covid, including some of our faculty members, as well as for those who are high risk.

We Pray:

A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent:



Loving and powerful God, some days I can only be in awe of your power and love. You never tire of supporting me. I constantly ask for help knowing you will always be there. From some place deep in my soul, I hear you calling me by name and I prepare with a joyful heart for your coming. Grant me the gift of hope, patience and waiting in these Advent days because I want the focus of my waiting to be on you. I want to praise and glorify you with my life. Amen.

Calendar:

- 12/11
 - OSU/MI/College Team dress down
Jeans/athletic pants OK
- 12/14
 - Adopt-a-Family: Comfy Day
Jeans/athletic pants OK
- 12/16
 - Adopt-a-Family: Ugly Christmas
Sweater/Mismatch
Jeans/athletic pants OK
- 12/17
 - School Mass 2:10 pm
- 12/18
 - Dress down: Christmas, Jeans OK
 - EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00 pm
- 12/19-1/3
 - Christmas Break
- 1/4
 - Classes resume

From the Principal:

This time of year always overwhelms me with gratitude for the generosity of this school family.

Thank you for the outpouring of support for our food pantry through our annual canned food drive. Although the big game has been cancelled, we are still enjoying our friendly competition. The class with the highest number of points per student will receive a pizza lunch and a couple of runner up classes will receive a class dress down day. Tomorrow is the final day to bring in non-perishable food items.

We have also had an amazing response to our Adopt-a-Family fundraisers and our student council is excited to provide Christmas gifts to some families in need. We received a little more than we expected this year so if you or someone you know needs help buying gifts for their children, please let us know.

This year continues to challenge us, but times like this remind me that we are truly blessed.

*God's Blessings,
Andrea Puhl*

From the Office:

- We will be celebrating before our early dismissal on Friday. Some grade levels have made special plans for treats and will be reaching out to you separately, but all three kindergarten classes and grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 are asking for donations like we did for Halloween. If you can help please sign up at this link and send the items in by Tuesday so they can "quarantine" for a few days.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AA8AD2AABFE3-christmas>
- Students may dress down tomorrow to show support for their favorite college team whether or not they are playing this weekend. This is a free dress down day in appreciation for the canned food donations.
- School Mass can be viewed online. The link for mass on Thursday, 12/17/20, is: <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MjQxOTg3OA>
- January lunch orders are available now through December 15th.

From the Nurse:

Here are some changes regarding face masks starting after Christmas break.

1. Face masks need to have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
2. Completely cover the nose and mouth and stay in place. It should fit snugly against the side of the face and secure under the chin.
3. Gaiter masks should have loops for over the ears. This will help students to keep them in place and not constantly pull on them.
4. Students can't wear masks that have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape.
5. In the morning students need to have their masks fully on before coming into the school.



Over the break, check and see that masks fit properly. Some are getting tight and making marks on students' faces and they are frequently pulling on them. If anyone has any helpful ideas when it comes to wearing or making masks let me know.

Due to frequent hand washing, wearing masks, and winter weather many students are complaining of dry hands and chapped lips. Some great stocking gift ideas are a small bottle of lotion and chapstick to keep in their desk. This also will help cut down the number of students coming to see me and the possibility of a sick student being in my office.

Remember to have students wear their mask for a short time daily while on Christmas break. This will make it so much easier when school resumes. Stay healthy over Christmas break.

Nurse Kolbe: nurse@stalschoolbg.org 419.354.1250 (until 2:00 pm)

COVID-19 Travel Advisory:

The State of Ohio currently recommends quarantine for anyone returning to Ohio from the states listed below. Passing through one of these states qualifies for quarantine if there was interaction with individuals in that state. St. Aloysius is requiring that any student that fits this criteria quarantine for 14 days upon return. Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates of December 9th, the affected states are: **South Dakota, Idaho, Kansas, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Arizona, Mississippi, Utah, Tennessee, Missouri, Nevada, Montana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.** Ohio has also reached the 15% positivity rate so please stay home as much as possible.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory/>



COVID RELIEF FUNDS

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) now has CARES Act COVID Relief funds for eligible residents of Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood counties. Funds can assist families who are behind on mortgage, rent, and/or water and sewer utility payments due to financial hardships caused by COVID-19.

More information is available at www.glcap.org/covidrelief. There is a printable fact sheet attached that contains some details about the program. We are asking applicants to apply by Dec. 23 for assistance.

Contact Alex Boroff for more information at 800-775-9767, 419-332-7987, or ajboroff@glcap.org.

