



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 1, 2017

Dear Families –

Advent is near and we will have our Advent Wreath in our “current” main hallway beginning next week. While it may not be seen by many until we get in our new addition next year, it still reminds us of the anniversary of the Nativity of our Lord throughout our school days from now until Christmas. I hope all of you can relax and enjoy this Advent season!

There will be an informational meeting on December 5th at 6:00pm for any student in grades 5 through 8 interested in this year's spring play. The meeting will be in the computer lab.

There will be an informational meeting for any 7th and 8th grade girls interested in playing volleyball in the upcoming season. The meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 10th at 5:30pm at the KC Hall. At the meeting, practice and game schedules will be distributed, participation and team gear fees will be discussed, as well as overall rules and expectations. It is encouraged that all players be represented by a parent or guardian. If you cannot attend or have any questions, please call or text Coach Gibson at 370-8890 or email him at [pgibson@oursaviourshamrocks.com](mailto:pgibson@oursaviourshamrocks.com).

As previously stated, we are making plans to move needed classrooms on December 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>. With this being said, we need to change our dismissal time on December 21<sup>st</sup> to allow our teachers some additional time to move before they enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families. Therefore, **dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. on December 21<sup>st</sup>, not 2:00 p.m. noted in the calendar.** As always, the after-school program is not available on early dismissal days.

If anyone needs to fulfill their service hours in one sitting/project, in mid to late January, Mrs. Jones will need assistance with the 2018 Annual Fund mailing. Please contact Mrs Jones at [pjones@oss-shamrocks.com](mailto:pjones@oss-shamrocks.com) if you are interested in this service hour job. Thank you!!

Once again, Our Saviour School will be utilizing “Late Start” days due to extreme wind chill temperatures or icy road conditions. As we coordinate with Jacksonville School District and Routt Catholic High School, on late start days, school will begin **two (2) hours later than usual** and buses will run their regular routes unless otherwise noted. Whereas our doors typically open at 7:30 a.m. and the last bell rings at 8:12 a.m., with this “Late Start” option, our doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the last bell will ring at 10:12 a.m. Those using Jacksonville bus service in the morning, the bus will pick you up 2 hours later. “Late Start” is an option to allow school districts to continue with school (while starting later) and therefore, eliminating the use of a snow day. The decision for wind chill and ice situations should be made by approximately 5:30 a.m. I will send out notice via School Messenger as soon as determination has been made.

As you are thinking of Christmas shopping, just a reminder to keep SCRIP gift cards as a

thought.

The thought for the week was: “When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.” R.J. Palacio, *Wonder*

With Many Blessings -

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

**Dates to Remember:**

December 5 – Penance Service

December 6 – Picture retake day

December 6 – No PM bus service

December 7 – Spirit Wear Day

December 11 – Skate Night

December 13 – Parent Club Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Science Class/Lab

December 14 – Pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> grade Music Program – 6:30 p.m. – Our Saviour Church

December 15 – Geography Bee 1:30 p.m. – Our Saviour School Gym

December 19 – Band and choir Program – 6:30 p.m. – Our Saviour School Gym

December 20 – Sports banquet for speech, girls basketball – KC Hall – 6:00 p.m.

December 21 – 11:30 dismissal – No bus service

December 21 – Red and Green Day

December 22 – January 3 – Christmas Break

December 24 – Children’s Choir performs at 4:00 p.m. Mass

January 3 – Teacher Institute Day – Teachers Return from break

January 4 – Students return from break