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Dear Families,

We would like to wish all of the members of our school community a very Happy New Year! According to the Weather Office, January is the coldest month of the year. It is also the first month of 2025, and a time for promise and new resolutions. The New Year is traditionally a time for God's blessings on our world. It is a time to remember the coming of the Wise Men "Epiphany", bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. This is a time when we can renew and resolve to better ourselves and our world. We look forward to journeying together as a community of faith in 2025.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

January Prayer for Unity

God of harmony and unity,
 You want us all to work together to build your kingdom.
 May our ears hear your voice clearly
 May our eyes see your beauty in all
 May our understanding break down walls of fear and prejudice.
 May we make our school
 a place of friendship
 a place of belonging
 a place of welcome.
 where everyone feels safe.
 where everyone has a place
 where all are united in You, dear God. Amen.

Week at a Glance-January 6-10, 2025

Monday	January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Lunch 🍕 • 12:45 pm Epiphany Liturgy Large Gym • Lunchtime Art Class Registration/Payment Due
Tuesday	January 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar Burrito Lunch 🌮
Wednesday	January 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great day of learning at SMM
Thursday	January 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO X-Press Chicken today. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch. • Lunchtime Art Class
Friday	January 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookie Sales 🍪 • Hot Lunch Orders Due via School Day

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: UNITY

Throughout this month, we are asked to work together as collaborative contributors. In order to do this we must appreciate our own gifts and talents as well as those of our classmates.

- I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated
- I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.
- I will empower people with my words and not put anyone down by name-calling.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

All students are expected to go outside for recess. Therefore, children need to come to school dressed warmly in order to spend the 40 minute lunchtime recess outdoors. During inclement weather (see below) the children will stay inside, but such days or times are not always predictable. Please ensure that your child(ren) has a winter jacket, hat, gloves or mittens, scarf, snow pants or slush pants and winter boots. Please ensure any loose fixtures on the clothing such as Velcro and strings are secure. It is also important that you mark your child’s name on each item of clothing. It is highly suggested that you send an extra pair of socks and gloves, and a change of clothes in the event that the ones they are wearing become damp or wet. Please ensure that all students have indoor shoes, and that the soles are non-marking. Thank you for your cooperation.

INDOOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

The students will have outdoor recess routines when the temperature is -17 °C (with the wind chill). They will go outdoors for both am and pm recesses and for 1/2 the lunch recess; the other 1/2 of recess will be indoors. At -18 °C (with the wind chill), they will be indoors every recess. We will check the Weather Network temperature with wind chill just before the recess break and this temperature will be logged each time.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY INFORMATION

Family Literacy Day is held every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, schools, libraries, literacy organizations, and other community groups nationwide have participated in the initiative.

The Family Literacy Day 2025 theme is Learn to be Green, Together! [Register Now.](#)

UPCOMING: (all important dates can be found on [the SMM website](#)):

- January 13- Coby the Magician Anti-Bullying presentation
- January 16- Ms. Velardi’s class to STREAM
- January 16- CSC Meeting in the Library (6:30 pm)
- January 22- Junior Boys VB at St. Gabriel
- January 23- Junior Girls VB at St. Gregory the Great
- January 24- CIVVIES DAY
- January 27-30- Joyeux Carnaval!!
- January 28- Rocks and Rings
- January 29- Rocks and Rings

