



# January 2024

# WINTER RAFFLE TICKETS



All winter raffle tickets (**sold or unsold**) are due in the office on January 2nd. *Families are responsible for any tickets lost or not turned in.* Drawing for the grand prize is January 7th, after the 11am Mass at St. Mary's Church. This fundraiser does help you meet your \$400.00 family fundraising goal.

# **SCHEDULING NOTES**



Everyone has a half day on Friday, January 12th for a staff development day. Busses will be available in the morning, and at dismissal at 11:30. Aftercare will NOT be available on this day.

Our *PreK classes only* will have half days on *Thursday January 27 and 28*. On these days, PreK parents will have their parent/teacher conferences. Dismissal will be at 11:00am. <u>Aftercare will **NOT**</u> be available on these days.

#### **UNIFORMS**



Reminder to parents: if your child is in need of new uniform clothes, please contact Ms. Mather. She has a supply of school uniforms available, for FREE!

Maybe they have had a growth spurt and the pants are getting a little short or tight? Or maybe they'll need a clothing refresh for spring? Simply email your needs (sizes, items you're looking for, girls/boys) to Ms. Mather at Imather@rcdony.org and she'll let you know what she has

available, or you can schedule a time to meet her and pick out the items

yourself!

Likewise, if your child has outgrown some uniform items and they are still in good condition, please consider sending them into Ms. Mather.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

1/2	School Resumes, Day 5
	All Winter Raffle Tickets Due
	Morning Prayer, 8:45am
1/5	Noon Mass
1/7	Super Sunday 9am St. Mary's
	Winter Raffle Drawing
	After 11am Mass at St. Mary's
1/8	Wellness Week
	Monday Morning Prayer 8:45am
1/9	PTC Meeting, 6pm
1/10	Eat Well Wednesday
1/11	Get Fit Thursday
	Take Time Thursday, 6-7pm
1/12	Early Dismissal for ALL 11:30am
	Busses will be available
	NO Aftercare today
1/15	NO SCHOOL—MLK Jr. Day
1/16	MLK Jr. Morning Prayer 8:45am
	"Soup"er Bowl Kickoff
	Choir Practice, 3:10pm
1/19	Marking Period Ends
	Noon Mass
1/20	VIRTUS Training, Massena
1/21	Youth Choir at 9:30am Mass
1/22	Monday Morning Prayer 8:45am
	PreK4 to lead
1/25	1/2 Day PREK ONLY!
	11am dismissal, Pre-K Conferences
	No Aftercare today
1/26	1/2 Day PREK ONLY!
	11am dismissal, Pre-K Conferences
	No Aftercare today
	Noon Mass
	Report Cards go home

**Monday Morning Prayer 8:45am** 

PreK3 leads

1/29

## **WELLNESS WEEK**

The activity theme of Wellness Week 2 is vigorous activity. National guidelines recommend 60 minutes of activity each day for children. Some of this time should be in vigorous physical activities such as active play, active sports, active recreation, and active aerobics.

## **Empty Calories**

Foods that are high in calories but have few vitamins, minerals, and other important nutrients are called foods with "empty calories." Examples of foods with empty calories are donuts, candy, and soft drinks. You can help reduce empty calories at home by limiting the availability of these foods.

# **Grains Are Important in Your Diet**

Food is fuel for learning and moving. Foods from the grains group provide the body with carbohydrate, our main source of energy. We challenge our students this week to make half their grains whole! Help your child by offering whole-grain foods at home. MyPyramid is a nutrition tool that promotes learning about nutrition. In the pyramid, grains are represented by the color orange. Visit www.MyPyramid.gov for more info.

## **Cardiovascular Fitness**

Cardiovascular fitness is one of the five parts of health-related physical fitness. Cardiovascular fitness is the ability of the heart, lungs, blood vessels, and blood to supply the body with oxygen. Good cardiovascular fitness enhances health and is needed for activities such as jogging, running, and active sports.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

2/8 "Soup"er Bowl Ends
2/9 Early Dismissal at 11:30am
2/11 Catholic Schools Week starts
2/14 Ash Wednesday
2/19- 2/23 Winter Break

### TAKE TIME THURSDAY



Please join Ms. Mather for some fun indoor snowman building fun on January 11th from 6-7pm!

Light snacks will be provided.

RSVP to Ms. Mather at Imather@rcdony.org by Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

This event is open to the community.

## "SOUP"ER BOWL BEGINS



As our winter days get colder, it's SO nice to settle down with a nice bowl of soup! Even better? To PROVIDE a bowl of soup for someone who might not be able to afford one. Our "Soup"er Bowl does just that! In this event, classes work together to bring in non-perishable food items, and along the

way, earn fun rewards. This year, the contest will run from **January 16 - February 8**, and as always, it is a win-win situation! Our students will have the satisfaction of knowing they have helped the needy in our community, and the St. Peter's Outreach Mission and Neighborhood Center will have well stocked shelves to feed our Massena neighbors. The TCS "Soup"er Bowl is a wonderful way we teach our students at Trinity Catholic School what it means to make a difference. Thank you for your support with this event!

#### **Youth Choir News**

Attention <u>all</u> students in grades 3-10 who would like to participate in St. Peter's Parish Youth Choir:

<u>Schedule as follows:</u>

Rehearsal: <u>Tuesday</u>, January 16, 3:10-3:45 Sacred Heart Church Sing at Mass: Sunday, January 21, 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Rehearsal: <u>Tuesday</u>, March 19, 3:10-3:45 Sacred Heart Church Sing at Mass: Sunday, March 24, 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church Come and be part of our youth choir, and learn how to lead songs at mass.

## VIRTUS TRAINING

There will be a Virtus training in Massena on Tuesday 1/30 from 10am-1pm at the parish rectory (next to Sacred Heart Church.) Please pre-register at the site below.

Anyone\* who wishes to chaperone a school-sponsored event, or work with our students in any capacity, must complete these 3 essential requirements:

- 1. Signup for a Virtus training at www.virtusonline.org/virtus and click First Time Registrant to find a class. The organization is "Ogdensburg".
- 2. Diocesan Background Check This form will be available at the training.
- 3. Signed Code of Conduct-This form will be available at the training.
- \*This includes any interested parent/guardian, grandparents or others who'd like to help out at school events, to help in the cafeteria, or to drive for field trips.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the school at 315-769-5911.

#### **DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD**



Did you know that **MORNING EVERY** vour child has a prime opportunity to improve their

development by participating in unstructured play time before school even begins? Although school starts at 8:40am, our doors open at 8:15am for those children who do not use the before school program. When children get here a little early, it gives them the opportunity to put their things away, and have a few minutes to connect with their classmates and teacher before their structured day begins. In PreK through 2nd grade especially, this time of day helps build each student's social development. It is also important that they learn how to get ready for their day all by themselves. Please give your child the chance to learn from these routines by getting them here on time, no later than 8:40. They will thank you for it!

# WHAT A MONTH!



Trinity Catholic School thank everyone who made

December a month to remember! We worked together for our Advent Service Project, helping families in need. We observed Advent and prepared for Jesus' birth. We performed 2 AMAZING concerts. We enjoyed a family Christmas movie night. We sang Christmas carols for those we couldn't' visit. We enjoyed classroom Christmas parties. Phew! Rest Up...

# THE GALA IS COMING



Save the date: April 29th! The Gala is coming! Stay tuned for more details in the new year!

## **HEALTH AND FITNESS FAIR**



HELD AT: TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SOME CLASSES/TOPICS BEING OFFERED YOGA CLASSES HIIT CLASSES **GUT HEALTH** FOOD PREP/RECIPES PRE/POST MENOPAUSE CLASSES FUNCTIONAL FITNESS CLASSES FITNESS CLASSES FOR SENIORS KID'S DANCE CLASSES **ZUMBA CLASSES** MORE **VENDORS TO** DOOR PRIZES COMFI RAFFLES

Save the date! Mrs. Boyea is returning to Trinity in March to host a 2 day event!! On Friday, March 8th, from 5pm-8pm, she'll be hosting a Kid's Health and Fitness Fair! Come learn how to keep your body healthy. Then on Saturday March 9th, she's hosting an all day adult Health and Fitness Fair! Both events will benefit Trinity Catholic School. Stay tuned for more details to

#### **PTC UPDATE**



come!

Please join our PTC for their next meeting on January 9th at 6pm. You can join in person at school, or you can join via Zoom link. (The zoom link is shared via the Trinity Catholic Trinity Catholic School PTC Facebook group.) They'll be debriefing on the family Christmas event, and discuss the upcoming Gertrude Hawke

candy bar school fundraiser, which will count towards the yearly \$400 family fundraising goal.



