

DECEMBER NEWS



ST. LOUIS ACADEMY – BESANCON

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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE!!!

Just in case you didn't see the bulletin a couple weeks ago, we'd like to congratulate Mrs. Corson for being chosen the Light of Learning award winner this year, as well as Mrs. Rita for being chosen the PHP (People Helping People) award winner at our Komets' game. You are both awesome!

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as our Student Council: Jake Van Horn, Jake Matter, Adam Oberley, Lydia Oberley, Ellen Robbins, Claire Stuerzenberger, Lillie Castleman, Elyse Oberley, Samantha Voors, Noah Van Horn and Charlie Oberley. These students will have elections the first week of December to determine officers. Mrs. Carvey will be their advisor and the first activity will be wrapping presents and boxing items to take to the Allen County Christmas Bureau for the family we adopted this year. They will also be making Christmas cards to add to baskets at the request of our St. Vincent de Paul society.

Progress reports went home at Thanksgiving. Just as a reminder, you are always free to contact your child's teacher at any time to discuss concerns. You do not have to wait until report cards or progress reports. Grade cards will go home the middle of January. I can't believe our year is almost half over already.

We continue to move forward with our new technology. The teachers love the new SmartBoards in their classrooms. They will also be attending training for PLATO, which is an online tool for students at any level. Students are assessed online and then are placed at a specific level to work through at their own pace. It works well for students who need remediation as well as students who need acceleration and also provides extensive data to teachers.

We have a lot going on this month. The Geography Bee will be held December 9, at 12:45 in the cafeteria. The 7th and 8th grade students will be selling cookies on December 3, as a lesson in competition through Junior Achievement. The money raised will go to a charity. Our Christmas pageant is scheduled for December 13, at 3 pm and that is also the last day to bid on the Festival of Wreaths. Judge Bobay and Judge Levine will be in to visit 3rd and 4th grade as part of their learning about community. Second grade will have 1st reconciliation on December 14. The Fatima contest ends December 15, and our HASA school Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 18.

I hope during this busy holiday season everyone is able to take a bit of time to listen to the quiet stillness that we often miss. It's there if you take the time to appreciate it. Sometimes we get so caught up in the holiday hustle and bustle that we lose sight of the important things – family, good health, shelter, food, and good friends. Mostly, though, we need to appreciate that God sent his son to be with us here on Earth and that Jesus loved us enough to die on the cross for our sins. It's these things that are truly the gifts from God that need to be appreciated. Our whole purpose should be to thank God for our existence and the opportunities we are given and in turn, reach out to others less fortunate. Thank you all for helping with our Christmas family, making donations through our school to the American Red Cross, Ronald McDonald house and for all you do to make St. Louis Academy and parish a wonderful place to be.

Christ's Love,
Ms. Layton

C. GILLESPIE '09

