



# CELTIC NEWSLETTER

## Cash Calendar Update

Congratulations go out to our \$10,000 winner, Mr. Eckhardt, and to Benji (Grade 2) and Jane Powell (Pre-K) who sold him the winning ticket. Congratulations also to every Cash Calendar Ticket winner, and thank you all for helping to sell tickets. We unfortunately fell short of our goal, but we are confident we will make up the difference with our next two fundraisers!

[Click Here for the School Calendar](#)

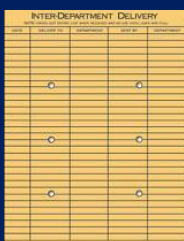
## Holiday Extravaganza



We are looking for Christmas decorating enthusiasts! Please come join us **TONIGHT from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** at the **Holiday Extravaganza!** Help us trim the trees with ornaments that each of our families, past and present, have contributed over the years.

The night also includes family fellowship with cookies and hot chocolate.

## In Today's Brown Envelope:



School Pictures  
(except retakes  
and late orders)

Permission Slip ONLY  
FOR Select Chorus  
and Choir Chimes

## Advent Reflection Night

The season of Advent gives us an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the wonderful celebration of Christmas. However, so often we forget that we need to prepare for Advent, too! Come join us **TOMORROW, November 30<sup>th</sup>** for our Advent Reflection Night and you'll have the time to think of how to celebrate this great season. We will start at 6:00 p.m. with a pizza dinner followed by family friendly activities from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Childcare will be available as needed. You will go home equipped with resources to help your family navigate the Advent season with a sense of peace and anticipation.



# Student Council Updates



**Pajama Day is TOMORROW, Friday, November 30th.** Please refer to last week's electronic flier for guidelines.

## Collections:

The Fundraising Committee is still asking for basket raffle donations until Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting items to put in baskets, pre-made baskets, or monetary donations. We had three families donate so far, and we look forward to other generous donations. The Fundraising Committee appreciates your help!

The Service Committee is currently collecting Jared Box items for our school Advent project. Check last week's electronic fliers for more information. Collections will end on January 4<sup>th</sup> when we return from Christmas break. The students will box them up, wrap them, and deliver them in January, so keep an eye out for a possible volunteer opportunity!

## Other News:

St. Nicholas will be visiting our school on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Logic School Christmas Dance is on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It will be a formal dance.

The Christmas Themed Dress Down Day is on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Christmas class parties.

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## Upcoming Library Night!!

Students in Grades 4-7 are invited to our next Library Night at Adams Memorial Library on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Last time students learned Japanese folklore and how to write some Japanese characters! PLEASE RSVP to the office by phone or e-mail to [kfoss@cdtschool.org](mailto:kfoss@cdtschool.org) NO LATER than Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. We must give the library a count so that they have the appropriate amount of materials prepared. Parents are not required to stay in the session with the students, but please be prompt with pick-up as the library closes at 7:30 pm. These evenings are free of charge for our students, so please take advantage of them. We hope to see you there!

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## Advent Fun for Children

Visit [www.holyheros.com](http://www.holyheros.com) to sign up!



## St. Nicholas Workshop

St. Nicholas workshop will be held on **December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. All students from Preschool through Grade 7 will have an opportunity to shop for their family members during class.



The students will bring in a list of all the people they would like to shop for and will be given a volunteer to help them shop for items and to keep them on budget. All items this year will range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Please keep in mind that this is NOT a fundraiser. We had parent volunteers buy items from local stores and the children will be purchasing items at cost. We will have great gifts for brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, parents, grandparents and even pets! It is so exciting to witness the look on the children's faces when they see the St. Nicholas Workshop and hear Christmas music playing in the background.



**Donations for wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, and bows are greatly appreciated!!**



Please drop off items at the Main Office. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Christie Borelli at [cconti33@yahoo.com](mailto:cconti33@yahoo.com).

Please make sure that your clearances are up to date. Volunteers **MUST** be in compliance with Pennsylvania law with regard to volunteering.

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## No Paper Calendar



Just a reminder that after discussions at our last parent meeting, we decided to stop sending home the monthly paper calendar to eliminate any confusion between hardcopy and online updates. Please know that if you really appreciate having a paper calendar, the website calendar ***can be*** printed. We are happy to advise families on how to do this. Of course with a printed calendar there is the possibility of missing updates, so we would still ask families to continue checking the website calendar (linked above). Thank you!

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## CASH BASH

Cash Bash tickets are now available for purchase in the school office for \$25 or by emailing [cdtcashbash@gmail.com](mailto:cdtcashbash@gmail.com). They make great Christmas gifts!



The cash bash is our next major fundraiser and a wonderful evening out for our parents. Circle the date on your calendar- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

## Sports

*ATTENTION: Boys Basketball paperwork must be turned in to the office, and fees must be paid on FACTS before athletes are eligible to play in any games.*

**Reminder: Girls' basketball players must turn in their uniforms ASAP-thank you!**

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## Donations needed for Cash Bash!

We are looking for business owners in the school who would like to have their company represented at the Cash Bash by contributing a basket of goods to our Basket Raffle. Or, if you are just a person who likes to do baskets, all donations are accepted and welcomed!

We are also looking for donations of empty, large baskets. If you won last year and are not using the basket your prize came in, we recycle! Please contact Dee Mignogna if you would like to contribute in any way. Thank you!!



## Environmental Club Update



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Environmental Club will next meet in January.

Exciting News: Our greenhouse arrived last week, and construction should take place this spring. This wonderful project was made possible from an ingenuity grant provided by Porter and Curtis through the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. We are so grateful!

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**The Marketing Team is looking for donated costumes (or donations of fabric to create costumes) in the following time periods- Egypt, Greek, Roman, Middle Ages, Renaissance, and American. Lastly we would welcome anyone willing to donate time and talent to help create costumes. The Marketing Team would greatly appreciate your help. Please call the office if you can help with any of these requests.**



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## Music News



**Holly Jolly Christmas:** Latrobe Community Revitalization Program's "Holly Jolly Christmas" is scheduled for this Saturday, December 1st from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Ligonier Street. Select Chorus and Chamber Ensemble will be caroling along Ligonier Street this Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., we will be performing a concert in the park across from the Latrobe Art Center.

Students in both Select Chorus and Chamber Ensemble should meet Mrs. Thackrah at the front entrance of CDT by 10:00 a.m. Pick-up will be at 11:30 a.m. at the park across from the Latrobe Art Center. All are welcome to attend the performance.

The dress for this event will be our CDT uniform. Students are advised to dress appropriately for the weather, wearing hats and gloves, as necessary.

**PLEASE, NO TENNIS SHOES!**

**Christmas Concert Artwork:** Mrs. Thackrah is accepting artwork submissions for use in the Christmas Concert program. Submissions should be drawn on 8.5 X 11 sized paper and should not contain any words. The student's name should be written lightly on the back of the artwork. Please submit artwork to the Main Office no later than Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Pittsburgh Youth Chorus:** Our very own Elisabeth and Richard Bindner will be performing with the Pittsburgh Youth Chorus this **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** in the spectacular **East Liberty Presbyterian Church**. The talented young singers of Pittsburgh Youth Chorus will present their annual winter concert of thrilling and heartwarming music perfect for the season, including *Once in Royal David's City*, *Sing to the Lord a New Song*, *Carol of the Bells* and so much more. Experience the combined choirs of PYC, including the Grove City Satellite Choir (PYC@GCC) performing *What the World Needs Now Is Love*, arranged by Gerald Savage of Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12. Everyone has a chance to participate in the music making when the audience is invited to sing along with traditional carols! Premium tickets are now sold out however you may still [purchase general admission tickets](#). Children 10 years of age and under are welcome to attend for free in the GENERAL seating area. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 3:00 PM on the day of the event. Seating opens at 3:15 PM.

**Gaudete Sunday:** Select Chorus and Choir Chimes have been invited by Father Anthony Carbone to sing/play at St. John the Evangelist Church at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy on Gaudete Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please check and mark your calendars now. Please see Mrs. Thackrah's letter in today's Brown Envelope.



During the season of Advent, our school family encourages all of us to help prepare Jesus’s manger (and our hearts) for His coming, so upon arrival He is comfortable, warm and welcomed!

Students, teachers, staff and even PARENTS can participate in creating a cozy resting place for our Lord by choosing to be virtuous (kind, patient, selfless, generous, etc.) then anonymously adding a piece of straw to Jesus’s crib. Everyone is encouraged to exhibit good-deeds across all settings (classroom, hallway, bus, lunch, recess, home, etc.) and place a piece of straw humbly in His bed. Throughout this Season of preparation, our virtuous behavior will “create a cozy manger” for Jesus.

Advent is a *perfect* time to consciously prepare our hearts, minds and souls for our Savior. Choosing to see Him in *every* person, during *every* moment, of *every* day, helps us grow in Love. Giving selflessly to another, or being generous stewards, is one of the most beautiful gifts we can give to our Lord! Let us all confidently remind ourselves that the best gifts that we can give, cost nothing. Jesus IS the reason for this Season!!!!

Starting next week, look for our manger in the school lobby and add your comfort to His crib through December 21<sup>st</sup>!



**Prayer Intentions**


Each week we pray for our school community. If you have a special intention you would like to have listed in the Newsletter, please contact Mr. Frye at [kfrye@cdtschool.org](mailto:kfrye@cdtschool.org).

Please pray for:

- David Pohland
- Avery Soich
- Catholic Education
- Liz Kozar (grandmother of Julianna and Ava Kozar)

**We humbly ask Rose Hawthorne to intercede for Michael Walker and that with God’s mercy, he may be healed.**

**PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF ROSE HAWTHORNE**  
MOTHER MARY ALPHONSA, O.P.



Lord God, in your special love for the sick, the poor and the lonely, you raised up Rose Hawthorne (Mother Mary Alphonsa) to be the servant of those afflicted with incurable cancer with no one to care for them. In serving the outcast and the abandoned, she strove to see in them the face of your Son. In her eyes, those in need were always “Christ’s Poor.”

Grant that her example of selfless charity and her courage in the face of great obstacles will inspire us to be generous in our service of neighbor. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant, Rose Hawthorne, on earth according to the designs of your holy will. Through her intercession, grant the favor that I now present (here make your request).  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Have mercy on us! (3 times)

Our Father      Hail Mary      Glory be to the Father

# If you missed it last week...

## Do You Still Have **Holiday Shopping** to Do?

**AmazonSmile** is a website operated by **Amazon** with the same products, prices, and shopping features as **Amazon.com**. The only difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

If you shop on **Amazon**, would you please consider ordering through **Amazon Smile**? Your purchase can help the school! Click on the following link to get started:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1620002>



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## Raise Funds for Our School Every Time You Shop!

Simply register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card with **Apples for the Students** and use it each time you shop at Giant Eagle to earn points for your school. Earning points is simple! With every scan of your registered Giant Eagle Advantage Card at the cash register, points are automatically credited to your selected school.

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4. You're done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register!