



2nd quarter progress reports are included in this week's Wednesday folder. Review these with your child, so they may finish the quarter strong. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns. Sign and return the progress report to your child's teacher.

Winter weather is here. Be sure your children wear **hats, boots, winter coats and gloves** to school. Even if it is too cold to go out for recess, the students walk to the parish hall for recess, to the church for Mass, and to the parish hall for PE.

The **Christmas program for grades K-8** is Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Students should be in their places by 6:45 p.m.

Don't forget to sell your Snowfall of Cash tickets for cash prizes through the month of January. Great way to pay off holiday bills and they make great gifts for those you don't know what to buy! All proceeds support our school.

As a school we were able to enjoy a wonderful performance of **The Nutcracker Ballet**. More wonderful than that was the behavior of our students. We are so very proud of our students! Looking forward to planning more all school trips in the future.

Upon returning to school the students enjoyed eating their lunch with their faith families and their faith leaders. Thank you to Mrs. Medina for having lunch hot and ready for our students when we returned. We ran out of time to play bingo, but hope to reschedule that opportunity.

Important news from the office . . . Wednesday folders need to be signed and returned on Thursday so they can be refilled for the next Wednesday. If your child is not coming to school, please call the office to let us know the reason for their **absence** and if you will be coming in to pick up school work. This information saves time in the office by not having to make required calls to see where your child is and to know whether or not a lunch needs to be made.

If you have not ordered **PTU Texas Roadhouse** gift cards, you may still send in your orders. It is unlikely that they will be here in time for Christmas.

Our **National Junior Honor Society** participated in the **Zero-Proof Mix Off**. What a great event! Perhaps they can make their galactic juice for Family Fun Night. Thank you Mrs. Manning for advising our NJHS.

If you have not returned your child's **Afterschool Educational Enhancement** program choices for our winter program, it is not too late. We need them by Friday.

Tatiana Lipert, a graduate of St. Mary School, is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. Her project is to put an electronic message board in front of the school. If you are interested in supporting this project, there are two opportunities in this week's Wednesday folder. One is a TV raffle and the other is a winter art contest or you may make a donation towards her project. She appreciates your support.

Thursday, December 14 - 8 a.m. - Grades K-8 - Christmas Program Practice

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Program - Parish Hall

Friday, December 15 - 8:30 a.m. - Grade 6 Mass in Lower Church

1:15 p.m. - Elyria Library Bookmobile is here. Students need to bring their library cards and return books. Parents are welcome to visit as well.

Monday, December 18 - 7:50 a.m. - Advent Prayer - St. Joseph building hallway

1:00 p.m. - Advent Prayer Service - Church

Tuesday, December 19 - Marco's Pizza Day - mention St. Mary School when ordering

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Advanced Band to Abbewood & Lifecare

Wednesday, December 20 - Classroom Christmas Celebrations - Dress in Christmas colors

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Grades 7 & 8 - Ice skating at North Recreation Center

2:30 p.m. - Dismissal

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - After school program - Statistics Poster Contest - Mrs. Manning - Art Room

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 - School Resumes

2:30 - Statistics program

Thursday, January 4 - 2:30-4:00 - Acting

Friday, January 5 - 8:30 a.m. - Grades K-8 Mass - Church

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Pet Care

Monday, January 8 - 6:30 p.m. - PTU meeting - computer lab

Wednesday, January 10 - CYO Night at EC | Girls Basketball | Wednesday, January 10

The best gift you can give your children is your time. Blessings on your family. ~ Ms. Urig

December 13, 2017

**RE: STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT, LATE ARRIVALS
AND/OR APPOINTMENTS**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please remember to do the following:

- If your child is not coming to school, call the school office at 322-2808 by **8:00 A.M.** to report your child's absence.
 - You can also leave a message on my voicemail anytime day or night. After dialing the school number press **1**.
- If your child will be late, we need to know this information as well by **8:00 A.M.**
- Please send in a note if your child will be signed out during the day for an appointment.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Sincerely,

Mary Poling
SMS Secretary

ART CONTEST

The SMS "Community Connect Project" is creating a school spirit quilt to raffle off in Jan/Feb to help raise money for an Outdoor Electronic Sign. In this quilt, we would like to feature the artwork of 12 students who create a beautifully designed drawing depicting their vision of

"God's Heart Warming Winter Creations".

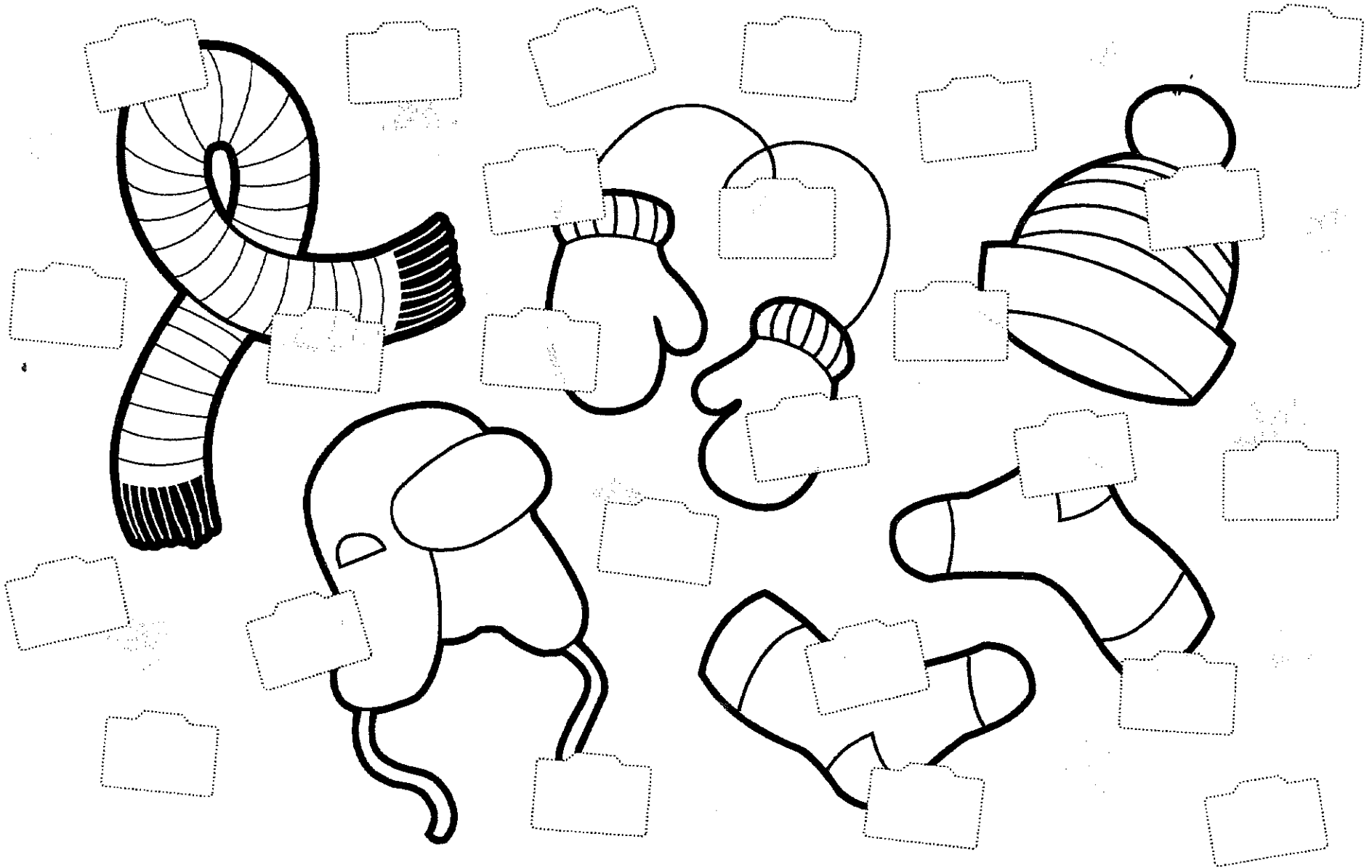


CONTEST RULES:

- **DRAWING SIZE:** 10" x 10"
- **COLORS:** Please use only shades of Blue, Silver/Gray, White & Black
You may also include small accents of Yellow/Gold.
- **PAPER COLOR:** Drawing may be on blue, silver/gray or white paper.
(NOTE: If the drawing includes snowflakes or other white objects, then a colored (non-white) background or paper should be used.)
- **ARTIST INFORMATION:** Student Name, Age and Grade should be clearly marked on the back of the drawing. Along with a parent signature.
- **DESCRIPTION:** Please, add a sentence or two on the back of the drawing (or on an attached paper) to describe the artwork.
- **THEME:** The artwork and description must incorporate the theme "God's Heart Warming Winter Creation".
- **REPRODUCTION:** Artwork should be crisp to aid reproduction for quilt.
- **ENTRY DUE DATE:** All entries must be received no later than Dec. 20th.



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Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school.
Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately.
To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.

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