

# ASA TODAY

**School Mass every Wednesday**  
MS— 8:30am, Elementary — 10:00am

DECEMBER 16, 2011

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Merry Christmas ASA Community,

It's almost here, only three more school "wake-ups" to go until Christmas break. We continue to get into the Christmas spirit through the arts. Last week we listened to the beautiful voices of the Elementary Students during their Christmas Concert. This week we enjoyed the musical talents of the Middle School Band. A huge thank you to Mr. Josh Doe! We are so lucky here to be able to offer band as a part of our curriculum. It's a great way to not only expose our students to the arts, but allows our students to really share their talents with others; which is exactly what happened last night.

Another huge thank you goes out to Miss Mariae Firlit. Her direction of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for the St. Jude Senior Luncheon gave many of us goosebumps. The fact that she gives so much of her time to our community speaks volumes of her dedication to our school. She truly exemplifies what the Christmas season is all about.

A couple quick announcements.

- Elementary Parents, please be sure to read the letter from the Principals in this weeks Elementary ExPRESS explaining the new pick up procedure at the Diamond Campus. This procedure is for the safety of your students (and your cars!)
- There will be no newsletter next week, so we would like to take the time now to wish you a very safe, blessed and Merry Christmas.

See you next year!!

Anne Harpold  
Principal

Michael Deбри  
Assistant Principal



All Saints Academy is a Catholic School inspired by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to teaching and living as Jesus did. Our Mission is to serve and partner with our families, parishes and communities as we focus on the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social and physical development of our children.

### Week at a Glance

**Tue. Dec. 20, 2011**

Student Reconciliation MS 10:15am, EL 1:45pm

**Wed. Dec. 21, 2011**

1/2 day of School, 11:30pm Dismissal  
(Shuttle and Bussing as usual)

Holiday Dress up Day (No Jeans please)

MS Mass, 8:30am (7 - Matlak)

EL Mass, 10:00am (3 - Piotrowski)

No Newsletter this week-Merry Christmas



**Thur. Dec. 22, 2011— Jan. 2, 2012**  
NO School Christmas Break

### Looking Ahead

**Tue. Jan. 3, 2012**

School resumes

**Wed. Jan. 4, 2012**

Maps Testing begins, Grades 2nd - 8th

Saint's Corner

**Holy Family** adopted by the 8th Grade Class

**Feast Day:** December 30th

The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration in the Roman Catholic Church in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas, unless that Sunday is January 1st, in which case it is celebrated on December 30th. Originally the feast was held within the octave of Epiphany, this was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. In 1969 it was moved to the octave of Christmas.



The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a "family church," and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the center of family and individual life.

Let us pray  
 [for peace in our families]  
 Father,  
 help us to live as the Holy Family,  
 united in respect and love.  
 Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.  
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives  
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and  
 ever.  
 Amen

<New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal>

News from our Parishes

Christmas Mass Schedule

**St. Alphonsus:** Dec. 24th: 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm  
 Christmas Carols begin 1/2 hr before Masses  
 Dec. 25: 9:00pm and 11:00pm  
 (No 7:00am or 5:15pm Mass)  
**St. Isidore:** Dec. 24: 5:00pm and Midnight  
 Dec. 25: 8:30am and 10:30am  
**St. Jude:** Dec. 24: 4:30pm, 6:30pm and 10:00pm  
 Dec. 25: 8:30am and 10:30am  
**Blessed Sacrament:** Dec. 24: 4:30pm and 10:00pm  
 Dec. 25: 10:00am

Sacrament of Penance

**Blessed Sacrament:** Saturdays at 3:30pm  
**St. Alphonsus:** Saturdays at 3:30pm  
**St. Isidore:** Saturdays at 3:30pm and Before all Masses  
**St. Jude:** Saturdays at 2:30pm  
 Dec. 22nd: After 7:00pm Mass  
 Dec. 23rd: After 8:30am Mass

Fundraising Survey Correction

We understand that question 3 in the fundraising survey is not programmed correctly. It will allow you only one answer per row, instead of the two we are asking. On this question, please indicate if you like or dislike the particular fundraiser, and in the comments section, list those in which you participated. If you have already turned in your survey and didn't do it this way, don't worry about it. We apologize for any frustration this may have caused. You can participate in this survey until the evening of 12/21/11, by following this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TGK3CCP>.

Paper copies are also available with last week's newsletter. The deadline is already next week, so be sure to provide your feedback before then. Your opinions are important to us!

ASA Ski/Snowboard Club 2011-2012

Just a reminder that your passes are available to pick up at Cannonsburg after having your picture taken. Please give them your name and tell them you are from the All Saints Academy club. You can call Cannonsburg at 874-6711 for office hours.

There is still time to join the ASA Ski/Snowboard Club. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please call Deb Posthumus at 970-1300 or Jon Fournier at 350-7624

Seen and Heard at ASA (by Mrs. Harpold)

Sounds of Christmas echoed through the West Catholic cafetorium last night at the Middle School Band Concert! Our talented musicians delighted the audience with their joyful musical exhibition.

After the concert a musician, who provides private flute lessons to an ASA student made a special effort to talk to Mr. Doe, and congratulate him on a wonderful program. Her trained ear noticed the difficult pieces our young band performed with style. Specifically, she mentioned how impressed she was with the counter-melody (chord structure and musical layers.) At this point Mr. Debr and I, who were not fortunate enough to have participated in band as students, realized just how much our students are learning about music and music theory and how very fortunate they are to have Band as part of their curriculum. ASA is blessed with **the** best band instructor, Mr. Josh Doe. His creative talents, passion for teaching and sense of humor brings out the musician in all of our children!

Thank you to our appreciative audience. You are the best! Mr. Debr and I would appreciate any comments about our change of venue as we plan for future concerts.

ASA Christmas Sale

**Hooded Spirit Sweatshirts**

Were \$25 — Now \$20

**Uniform Sweatshirts \$12**

(Some sizes may not be available. Call the office for size & color availability)

**ASA Travel Mugs**

Were \$10 — Now \$5





# Elementary ExPRESS

“Come Holy Spirit, fill us with ....”

DECEMBER 16, 2011

Dear Parents,

As we begin to see the weather impact our driving and road conditions, we will be altering our PICK UP procedure at the Elementary Campus. (The morning DROP OFF procedure will remain unchanged.) Last week we already had some problems on the hill at the Elementary Campus and the following changes have been made in the best interest of the students. This procedure will be effective Tuesday, January 3, 2011, our first day back to school after break.

- 1) The pick up line between the church and school will be eliminated. All traffic must enter via the Evelyn street entrance, making it one-way going uphill.
- 2) Our goal is to eliminate stopped cars on the hill. A teacher will be stationed at the bottom of the hill to direct traffic.
- 3) There will be two pick up lines formed along the ropes/cones. This is the most important piece in terms of the safety of our students. A traffic director will be placed at the front of the car lines with a stop sign. Nobody will be allowed to leave until all cars are loaded and the traffic director gives the signal. That way we can load both lines at once without any movement of the cars, ensuring the safety of our students.

The pickup line has moved extremely well so far this year. On average, all students have been picked up in about 7 minutes. While this new procedure may add a minute or two, please be patient as the overall goal is to keep everyone involved as safe as possible.

God Bless,

Anne Harpold, Principal  
Michael Debri, Assistant Principal

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

By Quinlan K. (Second Grade)

Jesus was born on Christmas Day. He was surrounded by animals and the Wise Men too. And the Holy Spirit was near the stable. The manger is cozy for Jesus. At Advent we light the pink candle.



## Do You Want to Track Santa This Christmas Eve?

You can track Santa on his journey on Google Maps and Google Earth this Christmas Eve! Go to the Norad Track Santa site, <http://www.noradsanta.org>. Check out the site now and find all the interesting things to do before the big night, too!

Go back to the site each day to discover new surprises in the [Kids' Countdown Village](#), where they'll offer a new holiday game every day until December 24th.



## See Santa on your mobile phone

This year you can count down the days to Santa's takeoff with the official NORAD Tracks Santa app. Enjoy playing "Elf Toss" throughout the month and then on December 24th, follow Santa with Google Maps for mobile



# All Saints Academy **EAGLES MIDDLE GROUND**

*Come Holy Spirit. Fill us with your peace.*



## TRENT WOODMAN WINS SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Trent Woodman, grade 6, and Alyssa Visockis, grade 7, top winner and runner-up for this year's ASA Spelling Bee. Difficult words challenged Trent, Alyssa, and Jenna Tue during the final rounds of the high energy event. All students were well prepared and many of them were successful through numerous rounds. Miss Wysocki, the pronouncer, was impressed with the commitment and self confidence of all of the participants. The exciting event was enjoyed by all. Trent & Alyssa will attend the Regional Spelling Bee in February.

After the student competition, teachers took their turn before the student judges, Trent and Alyssa. Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Matlak were the final contestants in the teacher bee. They will compete in their final rounds during Catholic Schools week.



## ADVENT - PROJECT OF THE WEEK

This week's service project highlight is the:

### 7th & 8th Grade Project: Community Outreach

Both the seventh and eighth grades have spent some time over the past month assessing needs in our community. After talking to a representative of DeVos Children's Hospital, the **eighth graders** have chosen to use their time, talents, and treasure to create their own craft kits for the patients and families at the Children's Hospital. The **seventh grade** has decided to plan and host a corn hole tournament. They will be inviting parishioners from all four of our parishes to register for this event. These students have chosen both DeVos Children's Hospital and the Humane Society to benefit from this tournament. More information to come soon!

### MS Soup's On \$ for Jeans Update: Total \$ 425.85

Week 1	\$179.25
Week 2	\$117.65
Week 3	\$128.95

## FOUND-CELL PHONE



A cell phone was found at the MS campus. Please come to the office and describe it if you think it is yours.

## BASKETBALL PRACTICES DURING BREAK



St Alphonsus is the only parish that will be available for practices during Christmas break. There will be no practices at St. Jude, Blessed Sacrament, or St. Isidore. Coaches should contact Bob Thiel at (616) 451-3043 to reserve St. Al's gym. It will be available by appointment only, on a first come, first serve basis.

Thanks to those who put in the volunteer time to make our first two basketball weekends a success! Kudos! Please watch for up coming e-mails so you can join in on the fun ASA Basketball games!!!!

## LACROSSE ANYONE?

Anyone interested in playing lacrosse this spring? The league is taking registrations now. Registrations must be submitted by December 31, 2011. For more information, contact Mrs. Zimelis or Mr. Gon-



## SKI RACING CAMP



**WHO:** Students in grades 6-8  
**WHAT:** Christmas Ski Racing Camp sponsored by Catholic Central, West Catholic and GR Christian HS Ski teams  
**WHERE:** Pando Winter Sports Park  
**WHEN:** Dec. 27-29, 4-6 PM  
**COST:** \$50 for 3 days or \$20 for 1 day  
**MORE INFO:** james.styf@att.net or djfredricks@ftch.com

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# January

## Elementary Lunch Menu

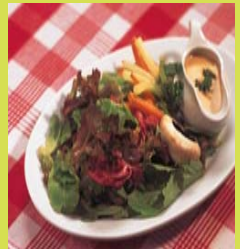
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2</b> <b>No School!</b>	<b>3</b> A. Chicken Nuggets w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Pizza Pocket Corn Milk or Juice <b>Welcome Back!</b>	<b>4</b> A. Ham & Cheese on Kaiser Bun w/ Chips B. Pizza Pocket Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>5</b> A. Soft Chicken Taco B. Pizza Pocket Diced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>6</b> A. Bacon Breakfast Pizza B. Pizza Pocket Tossed Salad Diced Peaches Milk or Juice
<b>9</b> A. Pepperoni Pizza B. Breakfast Burrito Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	<b>10</b> A. Chicken Fries w/ Tator Tots & Roll B. Breakfast Burrito Green Beans Sliced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>11</b> A. Hamburger w/ Oven Fries B. Breakfast Burrito Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>12</b> A. Taco Bar w/ All the Toppings B. Breakfast Burrito Diced Peaches Milk or Juice	<b>13</b> A. Grilled Cheese w/ Chicken Noodle Soup B. Breakfast Burrito Diced Pears Milk or Juice
<b>16</b> A. Bosco Sticks B. Chicken Patty on a Bun Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>17</b> Chicken Tenders w/ Oven Fries & Roll B. Chicken Patty on a Bun Applesauce Milk or Juice	<b>18</b> A. French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage & Hash Browns B. Chicken Patty on a Bun Milk or Juice	<b>19</b> A. Super Nacho's B. Chicken Patty on a Bun Sliced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>20</b> A. Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce B. Chicken Patty on a Bun Diced Peaches Milk or Juice
<b>23</b> A. Stuffed Crust Pizza B. Mini Corn Dogs Tossed Salad Applesauce Milk or Juice	<b>24</b> A. Popcorn Chicken w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Mini Corn Dogs Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>25</b> A. Pancake Wrap w/ Sausage & Hash Browns B. Mini Corn Dogs Milk or Juice	<b>26</b> A. Walking Taco B. Mini Corn Dogs Carrot Coins Sliced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>27</b> A. Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce B. Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Diced Peaches Milk or Juice
<b>30</b> A. Personal Pan Pizza B. Bosco Sticks Veggies & Dip Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	<b>31</b> A. Chicken Nuggets w/ Oven Fries & Roll B. Bosco Sticks Corn Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>Don't forget we offer Healthy Choice daily! Deli Slices, Carrot Sticks, Bread, Yogurt and More!</b>		

More Info...

*Don't Forget our C & D Choices!*

*C. Salad Bar w/ PB & J*

*D. Healthy Choice: Turkey & Ham Slices, Cheese Stick, Crackers, Yogurt, Carrots Muffins*



Lunch Prices  
 Paid: \$2.20  
 Reduced: \$ .40  
 Milk \$ .50

Menus are subject to change without notice.

### All Saints Elementary-Lunch

The National School Lunch program prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, or handicap. Please call 616-891-0227 with questions or comments!





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# January

## ASA Middle School Lunch Menu



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
<b>2</b>	<b>No School!</b>	<b>3</b>	A. Tony's Pizza B. Corn Dog Tossed Salad Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice <b>Welcome Back!</b>	<b>4</b>	A. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich B. Corn Dog Tater Tots Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	<b>5</b>	A. Chicken Patty B. Corn Dog Green Beans Applesauce Milk or Juice	<b>6</b>	A. Grilled Cheese & Soup B. Corn Dog Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice
<b>9</b>	A. French Toast Sticks, Sausage B. Cheeseburger Apple Slices Milk or Juice	<b>10</b>	A. Sliced Pizza B. Cheeseburger Veggies & Dip Diced Peaches Milk or Juice	<b>11</b>	A. Taco Bar w/ all the Fixings B. Cheeseburger Diced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>12</b>	A. Chicken Fries w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Cheeseburger Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>13</b>	A. Bosco Sticks B. Cheeseburger Corn Applesauce Milk or Juice
<b>16</b>	A. Chicken Cheese Crispito B. Hot Dog Carrot Coins Sliced Pears Milk or Juice	<b>17</b>	A. Pizza Pocket B. Hot Dog Cucumbers & Dip Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	<b>18</b>	A. BBQ Rib Sandwich B. Hot Dog Diced Peaches Milk or Juice	<b>19</b>	A. Chicken Tenders w/ Tator Tots B. Hot Dog Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>20</b>	A. Breakfast Sandwich B. Hot Dog Hash Browns Apple Slices Milk or Juice
<b>23</b>	A. Pancakes, Sausage & Hash Browns B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>24</b>	A. Personal Pan Pizza B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Milk or Juice	<b>25</b>	A. Chicken Fajitas w/ Spanish Rice B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sliced Peaches Milk or Juice	<b>26</b>	A. Popcorn Chicken w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Applesauce Milk or Juice	<b>27</b>	A. Italian Dunkers B. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Dice Pears Milk or Juice
<b>30</b>	A. Chili Dogs B. Chicken Patty Fruit Cocktail Milk or Juice	<b>31</b>	A. Sliced Pizza B. Chicken Patty Veggies & Dip Applesauce Milk or Juice			<b>Lunch Prices</b>  Paid: \$2.30 Reduced: \$ .40 Milk: \$ .50			

More Info...

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*D. Healthy Choice: Turkey & Ham Slices, Crackers, Boiled Egg, Yogurt, Muffins, Carrot*



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# JANUARY 2012



Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur day
1	2	3 MS MAP Testing	4 8:30 MS Mass(6L) 10:00 EL Mass(2L) MS MAP Testing EL MAP Testing	5 EL MAP Testing	6 MS MAP Testing EL MAP Testing	7
8	9	10 7:00 H&S Mtg (EL) MS MAP Testing	11 8:30 MS Mass(7Z) 10:00 EL Mass(2S) MS MAP Testing EL MAP Testing 7:00 School Bd Mtg-MS Library	12 EL MAP Testing	13 MS MAP Testing	14
15	16	17 MS MAP Testing	18 8:30 MS Mass(5B) 10:00 EL Mass(4B) MS MAP Testing	19 K-2 Little Red Riding Hood, Sunshine Church 7:00 Boosters Mtg	20 Ms Earned Jeans day MS MAP Testing	21
22	23	24	25 8:30 MS Mass(8) 10:00 EL Mass(3H)	26	27 Color Day Ice Cream Float Sale Semester Ends	28
29	30	31				

Catholic Schools Week - Jan 30-Feb 3, 2012

For up-to-date calendar changes, check the ASA calendar on our website [www.allsaintsacademygr.org](http://www.allsaintsacademygr.org)