



MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 @ 11:30am
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CLOSED!

FOR SAFETY REASONS: ALL STUDENTS MUST LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS at 11:30am 12/18/09.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR HAD A GREAT SALE! Total book fair sales \$3,839.05. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HAS OPENINGS!

SIMBANG GABI Mass and reception Friday, December 18, 7:00pm, Dinner @ 8:00pm

Simbang Gabi (literally translated as Night Mass) is a prayerful and joyful nine-day celebration of the Eucharist, Misa, in the Philippines. A novena of Masses, Filipinos celebrate around the world. The *parol* has become the symbol of Simbang Gabi. Derived from the Spanish word *farol*, the lantern, in the shape of a five-pointed star representing the Star of Bethlehem, is found hanging along the streets and churches in the Philippines.

8TH GRADE STUENTS: Please bring in your high school recommendation forms as soon as possible. They must be received at the Catholic high schools by January 14, 2009. There are two forms, one for the principal and one for your teacher. Make sure your parent fill out the top of both forms and ***sign it.***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: December 24, 5pm, Children's Choir & Mass. December 24, 8:30pm Christmas Carols, 9:00 pm Mass. December 25, Mass 10:00 am Shades of Praise Choir.

MOTOWN PARTY – SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010 – 8:00pm to 12:00 Midnight

FULCRUM TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011
Hard Copy of Application & Forms Due to St. Therese School by February 12, 2010.
(Send to the Attention of Ms. LaDay)

The application process for Fulcrum tuition assistance is open and the application has been posted online at <http://www.fulcrumfoundation.org/tuition>. **You must apply for tuition assistance online.**

- ***You must send in a hard copy to the school along with a signed copy of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ or E-file printout for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: 2008 W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals. If you do not have 1040 documentation, have your school principal approve a letter of special circumstances. See Part D-3.***
- If you have Non-Taxable Income (Part C-3), copy the applicable documents such as 1099, federal or state aid, alimony or child support.

All applications for assistance must be submitted online or they will not be considered for awards by the Fulcrum Foundation. (Please read the instructions carefully on the application form before filling it out).

Bishop Blanchet Performing Arts Department presents....
....A Christmas Carol, The Musical December 19th & 20th – 2:00pm and 7:00pm
At The Moore Theatre – 1932 2nd Ave – Seattle

Ticket line info: 206-527-7746. Group sales contact Anthony Detrano at 206-315-8054 or
anthonyd@stgpresents.org

SAVE THOSE INKJET CARTRIDGES!

Please send your empty inkjet cartridges to school in a plastic bag and place them in the yellow/green recycle bin next to the Kindergarten classroom.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Collection for “Box Tops for Education” will continue this school year, so, save those box tops!

INCLEMENT WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURE

If weather and safety conditions require our school to close, parents and students must listen to early broadcast announcements on TV (channels 4,5,7) and on their websites.

When we have inclement weather, St. Therese School is either open or closed. If there is a storm, and the Seattle Public Schools are closed, St. Therese School is closed. We never delay our start time, however if your children are late due to weather, they will not be considered tardy.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER TO CALL IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE **509-575-5557 (St. Joseph School/ Yakima, WA)**

Please call St. Joseph School in Yakima, Washington at 509-575-5557 in case of an earthquake. St. Therese School will have forwarded information to that school. Please call them first, because Seattle phone numbers may be busy.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, December 18

December 21, 2009 - January 4, 2010
Friday, December 25
Monday, January 4, 2010
Saturday, January 16

DISMISSAL @ 11:30am – NO LUNCH SERVED!
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Simbang Gabi Mass @ 7:00pm. Dinner to follow in social hall
Christmas Vacation!
Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus!
School Resumes!
Motown Party, 8:00pm-12:00 midnight, St. T. Social Hall

Enclosures: Volunteer/Fundraising Bulletin