

December 6, 2017

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the first days of cold, winter weather are also a sign of change as the Season of Advent begins a new church year cycle. During these darkest days of winter, we long for light. Each day we light candles as we read Advent prayers. This is a season of preparation for the celebration that the Christ child will come into our hearts on Christmas morning. We are reminded that Christmas is not about sharing and receiving presents, and that the reason for this season is that Jesus was born to bring light to the world. Our Saint Olaf community is living the reality of the Advent Season as we too prepare for a new beginning in the leadership of our school. We pray that we will be a sign of the light of Jesus to our whole community.

We offer a special note of appreciation for all that you do to support the mission of Saint Olaf's.

MOVIE NIGHT Friday, December 15th. - Back by popular demand! Eighth Grade Student Council is holding a Movie Night for students so you, Parents, can have a night out. See enclosed flyer.

The Middle School Dance for December is this Friday, the 8th at Blessed Sacrament School. Have fun 7th and 8th Graders.

Ski Trip papers are due this Friday for Grades 4, 5 and 6. Every year Ski Utah sponsors this awesome opportunity for our students to have a morning on the slopes with Ski Utah instructors.

Sarah Romney is preparing for the Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass. The Live Nativity is a great way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If your child/children (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are interested in being a part of this program, please email her at [sromney@stolafs.org](mailto:sromney@stolafs.org). Also, please let her know if you can help her in preparing for the live nativity.

Teachers are busy preparing for the annual Advent Christmas Concert. The teachers may be asking for help with props, costuming, etc. Mr. Radu has started practicing the songs and has presented ideas for props, costumes etc. to the teachers. Therefore, the teachers may be asking for help. For planning purposes, the Concert will begin around 1:30pm with dismissal following. There is NO after school EDP that day available.

Thank you for your donations for Toys for Tots. We are thrilled we were able to fill 2 large boxes full of toys for Saint Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter. You may still bring in donations until Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The arrival of illness has taken us by surprise by affecting some of our dedicated teachers. Mrs. Moffat and Mrs. Hart are interested in making a list of parents that are willing to sub teach. Please contact Jill with any days of the week you would be available. Your help (even for half day) would be much appreciated.

**Enclosed:**

Parent Night Out / Movie Night flyer

**Important Dates:**

12/8 Coat Exchange 2-3pm

Middle School Dance @ Blessed Sacrament

12/15 Parent Night Out / Movie Night 6pm

May you be blessed with peace,  
Cathy Moore