



CATHOLIC EAST ELEMENTARY TIDBITS

LOVE, LEARN AND LEAD

DECEMBER 21, 2011

MRS. KRAIG'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Scholars,

On behalf of all the faculty and staff of Catholic East Elementary, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy year in 2012! The children of Catholic East are the greatest gift to me as principal of our wonderful school...a gift that continues all year long. Thank you for your support and love of quality Catholic education at Catholic East. You are helping to make our school a model for the archdiocese of Milwaukee and the greater community.

Please remember that there is a change in the day we return to school after vacation. We now

have a day off on Monday, January 2. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3! Enjoy the extra day of rest and relaxation.

Also, Catholic East is featured on the television program, Living Our Faith, which will be shown on **Saturday, January 7, on Channel 12 at 12:00 noon!** Jeff Jackson, the channel 12 reporter who did the feature, tells me that it is a great story about the success of Catholic East! Don't forget to watch the show as a family or DVR it for later.

May God continue to bless you with all that is good during the Christmas season and beyond!

Mrs. Kraig

CATHOLIC EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Catholic East Elementary School serving the sponsoring parishes of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, (Old) St. Mary, Our Lady of Divine Providence, Sts. Peter and Paul, and Three Holy Women, and belonging to the larger Church of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are dedicated to fostering a Christ-centered, diversified school where a peaceful atmosphere of loving, sharing and caring is lived. Through the development of programs that nurture the whole child, we strive to bring our students to their fullest potential, academically, spiritually, morally, socially and physically.

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder

That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in
life—

Each day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we
know;

Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some
laughter,

A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHOLIC EAST SCHOLARS**Cadynce Williams—December 22****Marcaela Ealy—December 23****Payton Denneau—December 24****Liliana Galvan— December 26****Mariah Reyes—December 27****Joseph Cavaluzzi—December 29****Lillian Thompson—December 29**

The Faculty and Staff of Catholic East Elementary wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We wish safe travels to our families that will be traveling during the holidays.

CHRISTMAS VACATION:**DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 2****SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 3, 2012****PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**

“Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki” Returns Jan. 7

The January 7th episode of “Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki” will look at trends in Catholic education in southeastern Wisconsin, including a focus on regionalization and collaboration to ensure sustainability and accessibility. Our feature showcases Catholic East Elementary, Milwaukee, which is the first Catholic school to receive an award from “Schools That Can,” a non-profit organization committed to growing seats of quality education for low-income students around the United States.

Also tune in to learn more about a pastoral letter on immigration issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as Archbishop Listecki’s thoughts on the 39th anniversary of Roe V. Wade.

Watch “Living Our Faith with Archbishop Listecki,” presented by Catholic Financial Life, on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at noon, on WISN TV 12. Can’t watch it? DVR it, or view it the following week at www.livingourfaith.net

IMPORTANT DATES**December 22—January 2—Christmas Vacation****January 3—School Resumes (change from original calendar)**

January 5—All School Mass at Holy Rosary

January 6—Spirit Day

January 7—CCE featured on LOF

January 16—No school - Teacher Development Day

January 26—2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home

January 29—Catholic Schools Week Begins /Mass & Open House

February 8—2:00PM Dismissal: Requested Conferences: 5:00—8:00PM

February 24—No School—Faculty and Staff Spiritual Retreat Day



Don't forget to order Market Day in January! Start the new year off right with excellent restaurant quality foods! Place your order online anytime at www.marketday.com, and take advantage of all the great clearance items and web only specials. Paper orders are due in the school office by Tuesday, January 17th, and our pick up will be on Saturday, January 21st between 8:15-9:15 at Holy Rosary Hall. Cash, checks and Quest cards are accepted at pick up, but credit cards are only accepted when you place your order online. Please call Kathleen at 414-202-4952 with any questions. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed:

Please consider joining the **Planning Team for the Celebrating Catholic East Elementary Gala** which will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Renaissance Place. We held our very successful inaugural event last year and are looking for help as we plan for another fabulous event. Gala team members will solicit auction items, identify table captains, collect restaurant gift certificates and much, much more. It really is a lot of fun! This event will help us build community and raise donations for CEE. **Our first team meeting will be Thursday, January 5 at 7 pm at Catholic East Elementary at the Holy Rosary Campus.** Please contact Jenny Mendenhall if you would like to join us at 414-324-1546 or mmendenhall@wi.rr.com.



Football Mania Winners!

**Week 8 Football Mania Winners:
Congratulations !!!!!**

Diane Bandurski \$10



Please continue to keep Lucia Sammarco, K4, in your prayers as she fights a courageous battle against Luekemia.

A Prayer to St. Peregrine for Sick Relatives and Friends

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty", "The Wonder Worker" because of the numerous miracles which you obtained from God for those who have turned to you in their need. For so many years, you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being. You turned to God when the power of human beings could do no more, and you were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His cross to heal your affliction. I now ask God to heal Lucia whom I entrust to you.

Aided by your powerful intercession, I shall sing with Mary a hymn of gratitude to God for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.



Snow Days, Heat Index Days and Early Closure

Please remember to send hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots when the snow begins to fly. Our students do go outside for lunch recess and our younger students go outside for morning recess.

In the event that schools are closed for the day due to weather conditions, every effort will be made to contact parents/guardians personally. This is one reason why it is important to inform the school immediately of any changes in phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc. Parents/guardians are encouraged to listen to local radio and television stations for weather related announcement or check online for postings. Closing school due to severe weather conditions is coordinated with the MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. **Catholic East Elementary School will follow the directives on closing of the Milwaukee Public**

School District (the stations/web pages will indicate "Milwaukee Public and Private Schools") for school closings due to extreme weather conditions. However, Catholic East will also be published online, as well. **Stay tuned to the following radio /TV stations or go online for school closing updates:**

WTMJ Channel 4 television; www.wtmj4.com
WISN Channel 12 television; www.wisn.com
FOX Channel 6 television; www.fox6now.com
WTMJ Radio 620 on the am dial

