



Hawk Herald



St. Mary Magdalen School to Home Communication

2021 ~ 2022

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic

† “Preach the Gospels, when necessary use words”. † (St. Francis of Assisi)

December 15, 2021

Some reminders for the next few days:

- ✚ Thursday, December 16th ~ **HOT DOG STEWARDSHIP LUNCH** ~ **NO YAY LUNCH**
- ✚ **Kindergarten Christmas Pageant ~ Friday, Dec 17th ~ 2:00pm in church**
- ✚ **PreK 3 & 4 Christmas Pageant ~ Tuesday, Dec 21st ~ 11:00am in church**

The LiveStream will be on at church....siblings will be able to watch in their classroom if their schedule permits.

✚ **December 22, 2021 ~ FULL DAY ~ NO C.A.R.E.S**

✚ **Knights of Columbus ~ “Keep Christ in Christmas”**

The 6th grade participated in the annual essay contest. Ten essays were selected to move forward to the final selection.

CONGRATULATIONS: Colette Breen 6A and Grace Gill 6B

Finalist: Ella Andrews 6B, Alexa Bondurant 6A, Ella Eusebio 6B, Michael Henderson 6B, Maxi Karl 6A, Michael Quinn 6A, Evelyn Shane-Sanchez 6B

This year each of the students (Grades 1-8) participated in a poster contest for the Knights of Columbus. Five posters from each grade were on display in the Narthex the first week of December. Parishioners could purchase a ticket (\$1.00) to vote for their favorite poster. The \$600 earned from the tickets will be donated to the Art Department for supplies.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Category 1 ~ Grades 6-8 ~ Catherine Rinaldi 6B

Category 2 ~ Grades 3-5 ~ Olivia Kohler 3A

Category 3 ~ Grades 1-2 ~ Olivia Lake 2B

A select award, selected by the KNIGHTS, was for a poster that captured the meaning of the contest was awarded to:

Jack Leighton 3B

Life Touch

Each year Lifetouch provides students with a school ID. They were delayed in the mail and not available when we sent home the picture envelopes. They have arrived and were sent home TODAY.

COVID Protocol being followed by the Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

On November 29th a memo from Dr. Andrew McLaughlin was sent out regarding the protocol that will be utilized throughout the Archdiocese regarding the mandated mask requirement and the social distancing. That memo is attached.

On December 10th we received the following clarifications from the PA Secretary of Education.

Please note that this decision does not impact the federal directive [requiring all passengers and drivers to wear a mask on school buses](#), including on buses operated by public and private school systems; these requirements remain in effect. It also does not impact the federal masking mandate issued for Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

School entities still possess the authority and are encouraged to require masks in their facilities as recommended by CDC. Masking in school settings minimizes the spread of COVID-19, particularly in settings where individuals and students are not vaccinated, and allows for reduced quarantining to keep individual students and staff in school.

*Finally, the elimination of the statewide PreK-12 school mask requirement **does not** change how schools respond to COVID-19 cases in schools, address outbreaks, or report data to the PA Department of Health (DOH). Schools should continue to refer to the guidance contained [here](#).*

St. Mary Magdalen School will continue to be in compliance with the directives from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia based on the recommendation of the CDC.

In Summary:

If the County is in the HIGH or SUBSTANCIAL transmission level, we will continue to require students, faculty, staff and visitors in the school building to wear masks and practice a 3 ft. social distancing.

When the County moves into the MODERATE or LOW transmission level, for a sustained two-week period, the school will move into a mask optional model.

DELAWARE COUNTY remains in the HIGH transmission level at this time.