

North American M A R T Y R S C a t h o l i c S c h o o l

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I cannot believe I am actually writing this. I have not started Christmas cards. I have so much to do at home but I am putting it off till after school is out. I can't tell you what a gift it is to be at North American Martyrs. You parents are so incredibly good to us. We put together that wish list and we have received so much from it! We asked for help with Christmas bonuses and we get a good amount and PTO helps to round out the figures. In addition, many of you are giving such sweet gifts to the teachers, the paras and myself. There's nothing more amazing than the families at North American Martyrs. I've never been in a school where you can go home and feel so appreciated. But what I really want you to know is how much we appreciate all of you. Your help with your children and volunteering at the school is such a gift to all of us. It's so incredible to me that this generosity and appreciation pales in comparison to the love we receive from Jesus. His coming to earth was the ultimate act of sacrificial love. Merry Christmas everyone and be grateful for the gift of Jesus at each and every moment during this break. And hey, don't forget to love on those beautiful children of yours. You have such precious cargo there. *Merry Christmas, Sr. Janelle*



Important Dates:

- Noon Dismissal and 2nd quarter ends on Friday December 21st. No extended care and no lunch.
- Friday December 21st will be the preschool programs. Mrs. Wemhoff's class will be with morning 1/2 day preschool at 9:30 am and Mrs. Kroos' class and afternoon 1/2 day preschool will be at 11:15 am.
- Parent meeting for Willy Wonka Jr. Musical will be Tuesday January 8th. Auditions will be Wednesday January 9th.
- The next Martyrs Night Out will be Tuesday January 8th at Boss' Chicken on 11th and Cornhusker from 3pm-3am. 20% will be given back to NAM on dine in, carry out and delivery.
- 1st Communion and Penance Meeting will be January 16th at 6:30pm.
- Winter Band Concert will be Sunday January 20th at 1:30pm at Pius. Rehearsal will be Saturday the 19th from 2:00-2:45pm at Pius as well.

If you are out shopping and want to donate something for the Catholic Schools Week Kid's Raffle, any donations would be appreciated!

Youth Christmas Caroling will meet at the Parish Hall at 5pm and will start caroling around 5:30pm on Sunday December 23rd and should last about an hour.

Chess Club Registration is now up on the Martyrs' website for second semester session! You can register online or turn your registration sheets into the school office.

Band Concert: Mark your calendars! Band students in grades 5-8 will perform a Winter Concert on Sunday January 20 at 1:30pm. The rehearsal for the concert will be Saturday January 19 at Pius. The 5th grade will rehearse from 2-2:45pm, and the 6-7-8th grade band will rehearse 2:45-3:30pm.



We have compiled a wish list for the school and attached it to the newsletter. Thank you for your generosity.

Once again this year, we will have our book parade during Catholic Schools Week. This parade is an opportunity for students to celebrate and show-off a favorite book. We would love for it to be even bigger and better than last year! Please consider helping your child prepare a float for this year's parade! The parade will be held on Thursday, January 31st. More information on times will be coming after the first of the year! Happy creating! If you have additional questions, you may email Elaine Simpson (elaine-simpson@cdolinc.net).

Willy Wonka Jr. Musical Information:

There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, January 8th for anyone interested in auditioning for the musical or helping out with crew! Stage Crew meeting will be the first half to give you details on working back stage.

Audition Dates:

Learn the dance: Wednesday, January 9th; Thursday, January 10th, 3:30-4:00

Official Auditions: Monday, January 14th, Tuesday January 15th

Dance Auditions 3:30-4:00

Song and part auditions 4:00-6:30

Call Backs: Wednesday January 16th 3:30-4:30

Musical Dates: April 13th & April 14th

If anyone is willing to make any donations to our musical by helping us with our prop list that would be great! With your help, this show will be a success! We have a sign up genius for the prop list.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4EAAAF2EA5FC1-props>