

# Weekly Update

November 30, 2018



Mrs. Crystal Noel, McSherrystown Principal  
Mr. Jesse Read, Conewago Principal

*"Joy is prayer; joy is strength, joy is love. God loves a cheerful giver. The best way we can show our gratitude to God and the people is to accept everything with joy."*  
St. Teresa of Calcutta

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## From the Principal's Desk

Advent is a season to prepare, pray, and be penitent. Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation.

Please take time to pray together as a family. Attend mass and discuss the gospels. Our school will hold our penance service on Wednesday, December 19th at 9 a.m. at McSherrystown Campus. All our welcome.

*"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from....the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise....be vigilant at all times and pray..."*

## Important Information



**Christmas Program:** McSherrystown Campus – Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. with a 1:15 p.m. rehearsal (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR REHEARSAL). Grades 4, 5 & 6, will be performing, along with the Joyful Noise Choir. Conewago Campus – Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Dress-rehearsal will be 1:00 p.m. for any family wishing to attend during the day. Everyone is invited to attend both concerts!

**John Gastley Scholarship:** For the 11<sup>th</sup> year, The John Gastley Scholarship Foundation is in search of a student who most deserves a four year scholarship to Delone Catholic High School. This scholarship is open to any 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is a member of a Catholic Parish and plans on attending Delone Catholic High School. All applications **must be postmarked by December 7, 2018**. Please [click here](#) for a complete scholarship application.

**Calling all Artists!** The Missionary Childhood Association is sponsoring a Christmas Artwork Contest for all students in grades K – 8. Finalists will have their artwork on display at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, during the 2019 Advent/Christmas season. Finalists will receive an award, and they and their families will be invited for a special Mass, lunch and a tour of the Shrine. *All entries must be submitted by January 31, 2019.* Guidelines and official entry forms can be found at [www.hbgdiocese.org/MCA](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/MCA) and click on "2018-2019 Christmas Artwork Contest."

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Report Cards**  
Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Secret Santa Shop**  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Christmas Show @ CC**  
Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Junior Band Concert @ DCHS** Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Christmas Show @ MC**  
Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ **Early Dismissal**  
Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ **Christmas Break**  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Congratulations!:** Congratulations to 4<sup>th</sup> grader Giada L. Giada will be singing the national anthem at the PA Farm Show in January. She is one of 10 chosen for this honor! Giada loves singing and has performed in several shows at the Gettysburg Community Theatre, as well as Pennsylvania Theatrical Arts. Keep up the great work Giada!



Congratulations also go out to our girls' basketball teams. The Grade 3&4 Orange Team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Blue Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the St. Joseph Basketball Tournament and the Varsity Team was crowned Champions of the 2018 St. Leo the Great Tournament!

**Baby pictures and Parent Wishes for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** The yearbook staff has requested baby pictures of each of the 8th graders to be used in the yearbook. One baby picture per student can be sent electronically to [jgarman@stck8school.org](mailto:jgarman@stck8school.org) or a hard copy can be submitted to Mrs. Garman via the school office. The hard copy will be returned. (Pictures should be age 2 and below, if possible.) All pictures need to be *submitted by Friday, December 14th*.

We are also asking that parents submit "well wishes" for their 8th grader. Such wishes may be words of encouragement, dreams, or proud moments of being their parent. These words will be quoted in the yearbook. Please take a moment and submit wishes for your child in 50 words or less. You may submit them via email or hand write them and return them to school in a sealed envelope marked "Attn: Mrs. Garman". The 8th graders are not to know what is said until the yearbook is printed. These wishes should also be *submitted by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*. If you have any questions regarding these requests, please contact [Mrs. Garman](mailto:jgarman@stck8school.org) directly. Thank you for assistance in making this yearbook special for your child.

**The Secret Santa Christmas Shopper's Shop has arrived!:** The Shop will be located at Conewago Campus on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. **Grades K-3:** Students who plan to shop should bring their completed envelopes & cash/check to school Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. There is NO PREVIEW day. Students will be called down to the shop beginning on the 6<sup>th</sup> to shop. Students are also invited to shop our evening hours, Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **Grades 4-8:** Students are invited to attend our evening hours, Thurs., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Conewago Campus. Please bring completed envelopes & cash/check with you. *We appreciate and need help!* If you are able to volunteer some time to help students shop, please contact Beth Taylor [elbt139@yahoo.com](mailto:elbt139@yahoo.com). **Clearances (completed or in process) are required to help.**

**Pray the Rosary:** Conewago Campus will be praying the Rosary on Fridays throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome to join us in the gym at 2 P.M. to pray the Joyful Mysteries on the following dates: December 7, 2018; January 4 and 11, 2019.

**Dress Down Day – December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Our McSherrystown & Conewago Campuses will be having a dress down day on December 14<sup>th</sup> to raise money for our World Missions Service. With the donation of \$1.00 per student, students at McSherrystown may dress down in an ugly Christmas sweater. Student Council will be choosing "Ugliest Sweater" in each homeroom. Students at Conewago will be enjoying a Polar Express STEM/Literacy Day. For a donation of \$1.00, students may dress in their PJ's for the day. As always, students must follow the dress down guidelines found on page 50 of the Parent Student Handbook (NO shorts, tank tops/spaghetti straps, leggings or pajama pants. No torn or ripped clothing. Students must wear a fully enclosed shoe.)

**Join the Parent Ambassador Committee:** Our Parent Ambassador Committee is a program for parents/guardians/grandparents of current & former students in grades K-8. The purpose of the Parent Ambassador Committee is to further develop a team of leaders who will be responsible for representing our school at various community events & school functions. This will be an extension of marketing efforts that will expand our reach into the community & possibly increase enrollment. Committees such as this have been proven to help schools with their recruitment & retention efforts. If you are interested in being a parent ambassador for STC, please fill out the survey [here](#).

**Spirit Wear Dress Down Days:** To promote school spirit, students will be permitted to dress down in Spirit Wear or gym attire on Activity Days. Future planned Activity Days are 12/6, 1/10, 2/7 and 5/9. These days are subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Shoe Drive:** STC is conducting a shoe drive to raise additional funds for technology enhancements & additions at both campuses. STC will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected. Anyone

can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes at either campus. Donation boxes are also available at SEK, LLC on Wetzel Drive in North Hanover, Persona Day Spalon in Hanover, Annunciation B.V.M. Church in McSherrystown, SAVES Social Hall and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Abbottstown. All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of small business partners.



**Parent Homeroom Volunteers:** Calling all parents/guardians/grandparents of current students in grades K-8. Are you looking to be more involved in your student's homeroom? The Home & School Association is seeking volunteers to help coordinate teacher needs within the individual classrooms. Possible responsibilities of Homeroom volunteers would include (but not be limited to) contacting parents to secure donations teachers might need from classroom parents, organizing volunteers for crafts or activities as needed by teacher, helping Home & School communicate needs for donations and volunteers for schoolwide events, helping communicate teacher/student needs to Home & School. If interested in becoming a parent homeroom volunteer, please contact [Beth Taylor](#). *Current or in progress Youth Protection Clearances are required.*

## Advancement News

Our next Advancement/Development Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the McSherrystown Campus conference room.

**Low Denomination SCRIP Gift Cards Available for a Limited Time!:** Now through December 14<sup>th</sup>, SCRIP is offering low denomination gift cards from retailers like Panera, Starbucks and Taco Bell. These low denomination cards make great stocking stuffers! See [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for complete list of low denomination cards. Cash and Carry available at our Conewago Campus during regular school hours (subject to availability). A copy of the most current order form can be found [here](#).

## Athletic News



**Toys For Tots Toy Drive** - The St. Teresa of Calcutta Athletic Association is proud to sponsor the Toys For Tots toy drive. This program is a way for our Athletic Association, along with our coaches, athletes, and parents to come together for this very worthwhile cause of collecting toys for children. All toys donated will be distributed to children that are less fortunate, right here in the Adams County area. There is a donation box in the school's main hallway (Just as you enter the building) at both campuses. Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy. We are collecting toys now through Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Crusaders!

## Fundraising News

**Calendar Raffle:** Raffle winners for the week beginning Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>:

November 16, 2018	430	Bruce Study	\$50.00	The Zinn Family
	430	Diane Kinney	\$50.00	The Sheerer Family
November 17, 2018	909	Rose Mary Warren	\$50.00	The Becker Family
November 18, 2018	632	Al O'Neal	\$50.00	The O'Neal/Conway Family
	632	Peg Geiselman	\$50.00	The Staub Family
November 19, 2018	464	Kathleen Adams	\$50.00	The Sabaka Family
November 20, 2018	480	Tonya Kline	\$50.00	The Kline Family
November 21, 2018	415	Steph Slonaker	\$50.00	The Slonaker Family
November 22, 2018	424	Alan Young	\$500.00	The Croghan Family
November 23, 2018	083	Betsy Turner	\$50.00	The Matson Family
	083	Julie Brust	\$50.00	The Kline Family
November 24, 2018	131	Sarah Howe	\$50.00	The May Family
	131	Charity Shanabrook	\$50.00	The Shanabrook Family

November 25, 2018	406	Christine Burgoon	\$50.00	The Burgoon Family
November 26, 2018	754	Eric Bealmear	\$50.00	The Bealmear Family
	754	Mike Martin	\$50.00	The Martin Family
November 27, 2018	880	Lynn Toft	\$50.00	The Darlington Family
November 28, 2018	817	KofC Ladies Auxiliary	\$50.00	Mrs. Peg Shaffer
	817	Denise Dunn	\$50.00	The O. Roth Family
November 29, 2018	419	Daniel Frushour	\$50.00	The Burgoon Family
	419	Tammy Miller	\$50.00	The Beatty Family

A complete list of winners can be found [here](#).

## Home & School News

**Giant A+ Rewards:** Our school has the opportunity to participate in and earn cash from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! **Our school ID is 20532.** Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to register your Giant Bonus Card.

**Box Tops 4 Education:** Thank you to everyone who has turned in Box Tops already. Please continue to send them in either on a collection sheet or loose in a ziplock bag. We earned a total of \$549.00! Any questions, please contact [Mrs. Wenger](#). All help is appreciated! For additional collection sheets, please [click here](#).

## Community News



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to audition for Delone Catholic's 2018 spring musical, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* to be presented March 15-17, 2019. Audition materials will also be made available on the Delone Catholic music web page <http://www.delonecatholic.org/groups/3272/music/music>. Students may audition either Wed., Dec. 5 or Mon., Dec. 10, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Delone Catholic band room. Performances will be held March 15 & 16 at 7 p.m. and March 17 at 2 p.m. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. beginning Jan 6th. Questions can be directed to [Brian Yealy](#).

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Enrolling at DCHS:** DCHS will administer the High School Placement Test in the school cafeteria on Sat., Jan. 12 (snow make-up date is Jan. 26) and Sat., Feb. 9 (snow make-up date is Feb. 16) from 9 am to 1 pm. Please enter through the gym entrance on the South St. side. Arrival time is 8:30-8:45 am. Students are asked to bring #2 pencils & a pen. Cell phones need to be turned off & put away during test taking. Snacks & drinks will be available during the breaks. Students will be dismissed no later than 1:15 pm. There is no fee to take the test, and it does not bind you to enrollment at Delone Catholic. To register for a test date, please complete the registration form [available here](#). For more information please contact [Mrs. Jennifer Hart](#), Director of Marketing and Admissions at 717-637-5969 x206.

Immaculate Heart of Mary - Teen Fusion Group

**Christmas Blast 2.0**

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
The Brethren Home in New Oxford.

Please see flyer [here](#) for more details.

Delone Catholic High School

**Little Squires Christmas Pajama Party**

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Delone Catholic HS Cafeteria

Please see flyer [here](#) for more details.

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