

Dear Parents:

We are one week away from Christmas Break and we have a lot going on at St. Lawrence. The students are working hard with Mrs. Jaehnen perfecting their Christmas songs for the virtual Christmas program. We had a videographer in the building yesterday filming for our virtual open house. Things are not the way we want them to be, but we are trying to make them as normal as possible. The students have been so cooperative and resilient and for that I am very appreciative. We are headed in a positive direction and I cannot wait for things to get back to normal.

I wanted to pass along some comments that I have received from our new cleaning service and the videographer. They both mentioned just how welcoming and polite our students are. This is a great compliment to our school and our families. The best part of this is that we never have to put on a show for company as this is just who we are. Thanks for bringing us such great, young people.

As the first semester comes to a close, please make sure that your child(ren) are staying focused on their academics as well as their faith, so that they can head into Christmas break on a high note.

God Bless!

Mr. Detzel

First Reconciliation – Congratulations to the 2nd graders who will make their First Reconciliation tomorrow. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this sacrament.

1st Semester Awards – Our 1st semester awards will be given out after we return from Christmas Break. Unfortunately, they will have to be done in each classroom. We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

St. Lawrence Christmas Program – Since we cannot have our traditional Christmas Program in person, we will be having a virtual one. Each class will perform a Christmas song with their class and it will be recorded and posted online. Students will dress in Christmas attire on their scheduled music class day.

Monday: Grades K, 2, & 6

Tuesday: Grades 3, 4, & 8

Wednesday: Grades 1, 5, 7, & Advanced Music

St. Lawrence School Santa Shop Flash Fair - Tonight is the last night to order online from our Santa Shop Flash Fair from Collective Goods. A reminder email is going out today.

Cook's Choice Meals for Next Week - ***December 15th*** - Pizza crunchers and chicken pot pies
December 17th - Pulled pork sandwich or loaded steak fries with pulled pork and all the fixings

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JoJo's Toy Joy Drive - A big thanks to everyone who contributed to JoJo's Toy Joy Drive. We were able to collect over 500 toys for children in need!

Important Dates

12/12/20 - First Reconciliation

12/18/20 - Last Day of the 2nd Quarter

1/4/21 - Return from Christmas Break

Academic Corner –

Christmas Break Study Tips

- Read for pleasure. Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories like *The Night Before Christmas* or the newest installment from his favorite series, winter break provides the perfect opportunity to stash schoolbooks and read for fun. Encourage relatives to give books as holiday gifts or gather in front of the fire (big kids too!) to take turns reading from classic tales.
- Cook up an easy lesson. Invite your child into the kitchen to help you whip up a special dish — from Christmas cookies to potato pancakes. All of those half-tablespoon and quarter-cup measurements are great practice with fractions.
- Write thank-you notes. Penning notes of appreciation to gift-givers teaches gratitude and helps polish writing and spelling skills. Not sure what to say? Check out our thank-you note template for wording. One final tip: a mug of hot cocoa can make this task feel more festive!
- Make the most of car rides. Turn the drive to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practice letters and numbers. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see.

