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# St. Bede Catholic School

## Family Newsletter

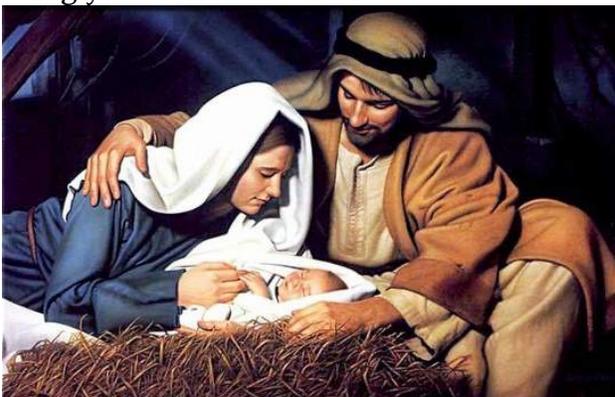


### Principals' Message

It was wonderful to see so many families fill the Parish Center for our annual Christmas Program. The children were very excited to perform for you. There is nothing more precious than sharing the story of the Birth of Jesus through our students' voices.



As you celebrate Christmas, we pray that you enjoy the wonder and joy that the shepherds experienced when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth. We hope that you have the merriest of times with family and friends. Over Christmas vacation, it is our wish that you have time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of all the Christmas preparations to truly enjoy this special time of year. For everybody who is traveling near and far, please be safe. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



### Calendar Updates

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| Wed, 12/21   | 12:00 PM Dismissal<br><b>NO PM Extended Care</b> |
| Thurs, 12/22 | Christmas Vacation Begins                        |
| Wed, 1/4     | School Resumes                                   |
| Fri, 1/6     | 9:30 AM-Feast of the Epiphany Mass               |
| Sat, 1/7     | 5:30 PM-Crab Feed                                |
| Thurs, 1/12  | 8:30 AM-Geography Bee                            |
| Fri, 1/13    | <b>Diocesan Elementary Staff Day (No School)</b> |

### Hornet's Nest Activities

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| Wed, 12/21 | <b>No PM Extended Care</b> |
| Wed, 1/4   | Tacos & Brownie Faces      |
| Thurs, 1/5 | Oatmeal & Pictionary       |
| Fri, 1/6   | Popcorn & Bingo            |



## Preparing for Christmas Vacation

Please remember that on *Wed, Dec. 21st* the *students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM*. There will be ***NO PM Extended Care*** so that our school and parish staff can enjoy our Christmas Luncheon together. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



## Hosting Simbang Gabi

Our parish school is fortunate to help with donating and serving food on *Thurs, Dec. 22nd* for Simbang Gabi. Please join us in celebrating this festive Filipino tradition. A flyer went home last week in the Family Envelope which indicates the items and assistance needed. Parent service hours will be given for your services. Thank you so much to all of the families that are contributing to this special Christmas novena.

## Helping with Our Crab Feed

Are you interested in earning parent service hours in the new year? We would love your help to ensure the success our annual Crab Feed. ***Volunteers are needed to pick-up tables, set-up in the Parish Center, hang decorations, and make the final preparations that will take place on Fri, Jan. 6th and Sat, Jan. 7th. We also need assistance with clean-up on Sat, Jan. 7th-Mon, Jan. 9th.*** If you are willing and able to assist, please be sure to add your name to our Sign-Up Genius that was sent last week.



## Learning Over Christmas Vacation

Christmas vacation is a festive time to celebrate this joyous season with family and friends. With two weeks off, we also encourage the children to continue their learning in exciting and fun-filled ways. The students received a letter sharing a variety of opportunities they can experience as lifelong learners over Christmas vacation.

## Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Please join us for the ***Children's Christmas Eve Mass on Sat, Dec. 24th at 5:00 PM***. Some of our Hornet students will dress as various characters in the Nativity, and Fr. Seamus will invite all of the children to sit in the front of the church during the homily as he shares about the importance of Christmas.



## Having a Blast at Our Faith Family Gingerbread House Contest

Last Friday, the faith families participated in a Gingerbread House-Making Contest. The 8th grade leaders chose this activity, and they determined the areas for which they would be scored. Some of those included creativity, color, neatness, stability, participation of all members, and clean-up. It was inspiring to watch as **all** of the children (TKs through 8th graders) work together to create their gingerbread houses. They used their problem-solving skills to determine the best way to build the houses, and the completed houses were unique to each faith family. The children enjoyed the process - yes, some of them enjoyed the sweets, also. They did such a good job with their houses that there was a 5-way tie for the faith families that earned the most points!

