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**Holy Name School sends special thanks to our
Harvest Festival Corporate Angel
Bristol County Savings Bank**

December 13, 2016

Dear Parents,

Again this year, Mrs. Masterson coordinated our school's Salvation Army Clothe-a-Child Drive and brought at least 20 boxes of new coats, outfits and \$654 to the Salvation Army last Friday. Once again the faculty and students at Holy Name School continued their Christmas tradition of generosity.

Sunday's Christmas at the Carousel was a wonderful experience for all who attended; the youngsters as well as the adults enjoyed decorating and eating cookies, making Christmas decorations, going around and around on the Carousel and drinking hot chocolate, eggnog, and apple cider. Santa's presence was a huge success; he even sat in the Carousel sleigh with various groups of youngsters during many of its trips. The winners of the raffle were: iPad - Mrs. Lefevre, iPod touch – Isabelle Souza, and iPod Shuffle – Mrs. Rogers. Congratulations.

Our first Christmas Performance is tomorrow evening and will begin at 6 p.m. All students should return to school by 5:45 p.m. They need to report to their classroom; students will be brought from their classroom to the auditorium when they are scheduled to perform. Students will return to their classroom after their performance and return to the auditorium for the final song. There are some reserved seats; 3 sets of six that were part of the Harvest Festival Silent Auction, 4 seats for the costume designers and seamstress, and a few that have been designated for those with physical disabilities.

Our afternoon Christmas Performance with begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Students sit in the auditorium for this performance so that they are able to see it (Wednesday evening they are in their classrooms.) Parents, relatives, and friends will be allowed into the auditorium at 12:45 p.m. and may take seats behind the sections reserved for the students. Students in Grades 4 and 5 are the chorus and once they take their place on the rafters their seats will be available if needed for parents, relatives, and friends.

We would like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Leonor Medeiros and Mrs. Estrela Cabral who spent many hours creating the beautiful costumes for the Grade 8 Christmas Pageant. The costume will be donated to the school so that other Grade 8 students can benefit by the artistic and creative work done by Mrs. Medeiros and Mrs. Cabral.

A lunch form for the week of December 19th through 23rd is enclosed. If ordering lunch or milk please return the completed form with payment by noon on Thursday, December 15th; no lunch or milk orders will be accepted after that time.

The Leaders in Training Field Trip informational flyer is included with today's letter.

Thank you to those who placed orders for Gift Cards. We have been placing 2 or 3 orders each week; if you want gift cards for Christmas they still can be ordered. Orders may be placed on line and a check sent to the school or orders may be placed on line with a credit card and the gift card (s) will be mailed directly to you. Another order form is included with today's letter. If you have any questions you can contact either Jayme Chippendale at school or Mrs. Gina Orlando-Medeiros at gco731@comcast.net.

This Friday is Birthday Dress Up Day; those students whose birthdays are in December do not have to wear their uniforms on Friday, December 16th. Please see the Birthday Dress Up Days and School Dance Clothing Restrictions on Page 18 of the Student/Parent Handbook. **Also, on Friday, December 16th the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" in the Parish Center at 9 a.m.**

The Holy Name PTO Red Sox trip is schedule for June 12, 2017; orders need to be given to Mrs. Chippendale by Tuesday, January 31st. If you have questions please contact either Jayme Chippendale at school or Mrs. Jennifer Bogan at jennygb@comcast.net.

As we approach the colder weather, please remember to use the drop off spaces on Stetson Street in the morning. We have been allocated three drop off spaces; although that number is small, with a little patience the drop off process can move along nicely. **Please do not stop or park in the middle of Stetson Street; this is a safety hazard for all involved. Also, please do not park in our neighbor's driveways or business parking lots.** Thank you for your help in adhering to the parking and traffic regulations; all is done for the safety of our children.

On Wednesday, December 23rd Holy Name School holds its traditional school wide Polar Express. Mrs. Goncalo has prepared a number of flyers about this special event. All students are involved in the Polar Express; therefore, all students should receive a flyer which states what their class will be doing and what they are expected to wear. **Also, please note that on December 23rd all students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. There will be lunch and extended care services for those parents who request this service by Tuesday, December 20th.**

Gratefully

Patricia M. Wardell

Holy Name School provides a Catholic education within an atmosphere of academic excellence. While providing Catholic values, students are challenged to do their best, to nurture their gifts and talents, and to develop curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

Holy Name School strives to produce confident, competent, and caring individuals who can work cooperatively, show respect for one another, and who demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Catholic values.

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