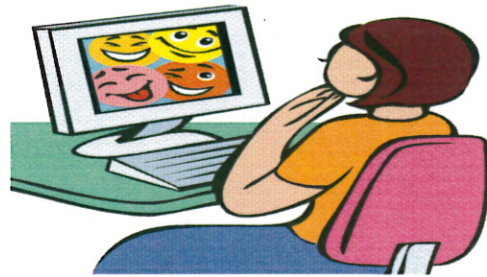


# From the Desk of Mrs. Jaster

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**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the “Apple of My Eye” winners for the week! These children are celebrated for being “caught doing something good”: Maci Boles, Sean Carr, Ben Grove, Meghan Prior and Dan Shaeffer.

**CONGRATULATIONS, COLE!** Last Wednesday evening, Cole Wilkocz (grade 3) received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Hilltown. We congratulate Cole on the reception of this sacrament during this time of preparation and reconciliation.



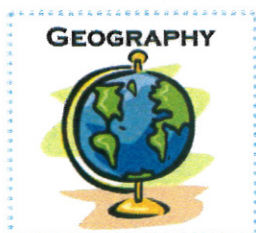
**HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION:** Tomorrow is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. There is no school. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph parish this afternoon at 5:30PM Vigil and tomorrow at 8AM, 10AM, and 7PM. Mass will be celebrated at St. Robert parish at 7AM, 9AM, 12Noon, and 7PM.



**PRAYERS, PLEASE:** This past week, our school family has had to endure a number of trials:

- Cole DuHaime’s aunt (Mrs. DuHaime’s sister) died very suddenly following knee replacement surgery.
- Mrs. Kloc’s father passed away Saturday night.
- Mrs. Taylor’s father – in – law passed away last week.
- Mr. Ewald had been moved to a rehab center last Friday. On Saturday, he was sent to the ICU at Nazareth hospital to recover from an insulin reaction. He is now in St. John Neumann rehabilitation center.

The kindness of your prayers is greatly appreciated!



**GEOGRAPHY BEE:** Our annual Geography Bee will take place Friday afternoon after the lunch period. Congratulations to the students who will be participating:

**Grade 8: Will Horan, Joe Mazzarella, Lauren Scott**  
**Grade 7: Patrick Kreuzburg, Luke Panepresso, Jake Zook**  
**Grade 6: Hannah Buckleman, Harry Davies**  
**Grade 5: Michael Funk, Patrick Gozdan**



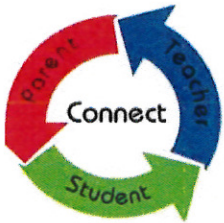
**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Our annual Christmas program, When Comes the Child, will be presented on Wednesday evening, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in St. Robert church. Each grade will have a special song in this program. Please mark your calendars for this very special evening!

**REPORT CARDS:** Report cards for the first trimester will be distributed on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.



**LESSONS AND CAROLS:** An evening of readings and songs will be presented on Sunday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in St. Robert church. All are welcome!

**TEA WITH ME:** Our monthly “Tea with Me” is scheduled for next Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2PM – 3PM in the faculty room. All are welcome!



**HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:**

- **PANERA BREAD SPIRIT NIGHT:** We are sponsoring a Spirit Night today at Panera Bread. The flyer found in last week’s communication must be presented for the school to receive credit.

**SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY:** Please see today’s communication about a unique shopping opportunity at St. Cyril’s parish on Saturday evening.



**SERVICE CORPS NEWS:** Christmas posters created by members of our Service Corps are on display in the school dining hall. What amazing artists we have!

- Service Corps members have also decorated shopping bags to be used by residents of a local nursing home for their Christmas shopping.

**MISSION BOXES:** Mission Boxes will be collected on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this collection will be sent to the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**FOOTBALL NEWS:** Billy Shaeffer # 15 , Ryan Scott # 35, Joe Wade # 27 , heading up to Hershey hoping to win a State Championship for Archbishop Wood football team! Game is televised on local PCN channel 9.

**MILK & PRETZEL ORDER:** Orders are due December 14<sup>th</sup>. This new order will not start until January 4, 2017. Milk is \$17.50 and Pretzel is \$10.80.



**PEARL HARBOR DAY:** Today marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. I thought the following prayer might be prayed by our families in thanksgiving for the brave men and women who fought to keep our country safe and free as a result of the attack:

Dear God, not everything that happens in your world reflects your goodness and grace. You have given us freedom to choose, and with that freedom sometimes we choose to do evil.

Today we remember a time of great evil in our world - we remember World War II. We also remember those who stood their ground against great evil, those who fought here at home and on the battle fronts to insure that evil would not prevail. We thank you that in the hour of need you gave men and women the strength and resolve to stand, whatever the cost. May those brave souls who still remain here with us feel today your hand of favor and strength. In their last years here on earth give them renewed hope and an awareness of our gratitude for their bravery and sacrifice. May we never forget them, and may you honor them according to the grace you gave in those days and according to their response to that grace, then and now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**JUST A THOUGHT:** Last Sunday at Mass, my pastor, Father Joe Watson, referenced two words to hold in mind as we continue our way through the season of Advent: ***Silence and Stillness***. In the "busy - ness" of the days and nights leading up to Christmas, we all need a gentle reminder to be still and quiet and listen to the Lord. I wonder what would happen if for just an hour we all put down all technology and lists and truly focused on the celebration of the birth of Christ.



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