

January 3, 2012

I hope you are all having a blessed Christmas season. We have two feast Sundays to go before getting back into Ordinary Time.

I wanted to remind you that Olympic Park payments must be made in full by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make arrangements with Mrs. Greany to take care of this. We will continue to sell MegaWash car wash booklets for the next few weeks. I would like the tickets and money returned by the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>. We still have a large number of booklets out. I have a few remaining booklets if you are in need of more.

### **Christmas Collection:**

The children of Guatemala sent a nice thank you card to our school for the assistance that we provided with our collections prior to Christmas. The students of St. Mary's were very generous with this collection. I was very touched by the personal sacrifice some students made.

### **OPI News:**

Please continue to raise funds. You will be responsible for the full amount of \$415 on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Greany would gladly take payments prior to this should you feel your fundraising is not going to be adequate.

### **Some Dates:**

1/5: Mass  
1/6: Prayer service in the church for Epiphany  
1/13: No school-in service  
1/16: M.L.K. Jr. day – no school  
1/20: Geography Bee – 1:00p.m. in the gym  
1/20: Car wash booklets or money due back  
2/3: Youth Rally in Coeur d'Alene (need drivers)  
2/3: Olympic Park trip payment due

### **Religion:**

We are studying the reformation and renewal of the Church. We are also concentrating on the Spiritual fruit of "Peace" this month

This year in religion, I will be sharing each Sunday's readings with the students on Fridays. This will be a much more powerful lesson if you could please make an effort to take your sons and daughters to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. I know how busy weekends can get, but as Catholics, the Liturgy is such an important part of who we are as people. We need to give this love of the Eucharist to our children.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade History**

We are finishing up on the Revolution this week as well as working on our geography bee.

### **8th Grade Algebra**

Because we left off in the middle of the chapter, we will need to do some review this week as we get back into the swing of things. We have been making good progress thus far and hopefully we will have a good couple of months ahead. I have learned that Algebra can become difficult after our Olympic Park trip and spring break so I like to really focus on the next two critical months.

Please encourage students to take their time and work on understanding as they practice at home.

Algebra class will require daily attention at home. Our students have been very successful on the Prep placement exams because of the willingness of our students and their families to work so hard at their studies. Algebra will be challenging, but I am committed assist each student in reaching her or his goals.

Have a great week!

Mr. Schultz