



# TRANSFIGURATION

*Leading all those in the East Metro to Christ,  
the Source and Summit of our daily and eternal lives.*

## Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter November 21, 2023

### A Prayer for Our School

Dear Lord, We ask that you send your blessing down on our school so we have the strength to become saints and see Your face in Heaven. Amen

### Special Dates

<b>Wednesday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 24</b>	NO School - Thanksgiving Break
<b>Sunday, Dec. 3</b>	Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 9am-12:30pm
<b>Monday, Dec. 4</b>	Parent Drive Day
<b>Friday, Dec. 8</b>	Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8:30am
<b>Thursday, Dec. 14</b>	All School Christmas Program, 6pm (Snow date Dec. 19)
<b>Dec. 21 - Jan. 2</b>	No School - Christmas Break

### Reminders and Events

**Volunteering** - Never volunteered before? Many opportunities require an "Essential Three" certification. If you are interested in this, please begin by speaking with Martha Praska in the church office or via email at [mpraska@transfigurationmn.org](mailto:mpraska@transfigurationmn.org). Please do NOT create any account unless you have spoken with Martha. Once you have your Essential Three completed, you are able to volunteer during the school day.

**Pancake Breakfast with Saint Nicholas** - We are so excited to work with the Knights of Columbus and bring back the Pancake Breakfast with Saint Nicholas! The breakfast will be December 3rd, the first day of Advent. We will have photos with Saint Nicholas, treats for the children, and a full breakfast available for purchase. Please plan to stop by!

**Looking for volunteer hours?** Parents have an opportunity to earn volunteer hours towards their school year obligation by helping out at the breakfast. You do not need the "Essential Three" certification to do this volunteer work. Please click the link for this opportunity: [Pancakes](#)

**RaiseRight** - RaiseRight is a great way to do your Christmas shopping AND contribute to your family fundraising requirement. All families received an email detailing how to create an account; once it is created, you can order gift cards for hundreds of different places, which also raises money for our school! You will get the full amount of the gift card, and our school receives a percentage of the gift card amount as well. Thank you for using RaiseRight!

**Christmas Greetings Are Coming** - Students loved sending each other Christmas cards at school last year, so we are continuing the tradition! Christmas Greetings will be available for purchase from December 4th - December 19th in each classroom. Each card is 50 cents, and can be delivered to a student, faculty, or staff member at Transfiguration school and church. Each greeting includes a candy cane, and all donations go toward recess and Gym equipment. Cards will also be available for purchase at the Pancake Breakfast, if you would like to send one to your child!



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## **Mrs. B.'s Bulletin**

Gratitude has been our focus virtue for the past couple of weeks; students have been learning what gratitude looks like and how powerful it can be. While the concept is simple, the action can be easily forgotten. I challenged myself to come up with five things I am grateful for at Transfiguration (in no particular order):

1. Jesus - He is at the center of everything we do, and this is His school!
2. Our students - their smiles, hugs, projects, questions, stories...
3. Our families - I can feel the Holy Spirit each time our families get together for special events and gatherings
4. Our staff - We have incredibly dedicated teachers and staff who are so willing to do whatever it takes to help our students
5. Our church staff - our parish staff is just as dedicated and hard-working as our staff, helping all of Transfiguration be the best it can be!

Bonus - Our benefactors - Whether it is time, money, or Christmas cards, so many people give to our school in a myriad of ways, helping us to be our best!

I hope you and your family are able to take some time to count your blessings, be together, and have a joy-filled Thanksgiving!