



# TRANSFIGURATION

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

## Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter December 13, 2023

### A Prayer for Our School (Written by Kindergarten)

Dear God, Thank you for giving us Baby Jesus. He will give us light this Christmas, His birthday. We pray that everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas. Jesus, we love you. Amen.

### Special Dates

<b>Thursday, Dec. 14</b>	All School Christmas Program, 6 pm (students 5:45pm)
<b>Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 16-17</b>	Saint Lucia Bake Sale after Masses
<b>Sunday, Dec. 17</b>	Christmas Tea 1-3pm
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 20</b>	Red and Green for \$1 Day
<b>Thursday, Dec. 21 - Tuesday, Jan. 2</b>	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30am
<b>Thursday, Dec. 14</b>	All School Christmas Program, 6pm (arrive 5:40)
<b>Dec. 21 - Jan. 2</b>	No School - Christmas Break
<b>Feb. 3, 2023</b>	<b>Black and Gold Gala, 5pm-10pm</b>

### Looking Ahead

<b>Sunday, Jan. 14</b>	K of C Free Throw Contest, 12pm (ages 9-14)
<b>Monday, Jan. 15</b>	NO school - MLK, Jr. Day
<b>Thursday, Jan. 18</b>	<b>Band Concert</b>
<b>Saturday, Feb. 3</b>	Black and Gold Gala
<b>Saturday, Feb. 10</b>	First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat

### Reminders

**Christmas Program** - It is here! Our All School Christmas Program begins at 6pm Thursday night. Please be sure your child is seated with their teacher in the Church at 5:45pm.

- Grades K, 1, 3, and MS will be toward the right (when facing the altar)
- Grades 2, 4, and 5 will be on the left near the choir
- Please be sure your child has used the restroom **before** entering the Church
- Students in Preschool will sit with their families after they perform; it may help if a parent is seated on the end of a pew
- Students in K-8 will remain with their teacher throughout the performance
- After the performance, please go to where your child is seated to collect him/her
- Please see the attached information for more details and dress expectations

**Christmas Greetings** - Students only have four more days to purchase Christmas Greetings cards. Next Tuesday will be the last day to purchase and "mail" school Christmas greetings. These cards are 50 cents and are delivered with a candy cane to anyone in the building. This is a great way to wish a staff member, Mass buddy, or friend a Merry Christmas!

**Red and Green** - Wednesday, Dec. 20th will be Red and Green for \$1 day! Students are invited to dress festively in red and green for one dollar, according to our out of uniform policy.

**Free Throw Contest** - On Sunday, January 14 all boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to compete at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest! The contest begins at 12pm so children can come to the Gym



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after Mass to compete.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

This weekend is a great chance to take care of some of the volunteer hours required for each family. The Saint Lucia Bake Sale is looking for baked goods, and the Christmas Tea needs volunteers. You do not need to be E3 certified for either event. Please check this Sign-Up Genius: [Bake and Tea](#) or email [tiger@transfigurationmn.org](mailto:tiger@transfigurationmn.org) to find out more!

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

As you may know, Christmas is my favorite time of year, and one of the reasons is the Christmas program! There is nothing better than hearing young voices sing the beautiful Christmas melodies. These events help us to ponder the gift of Jesus' birth, as well as the hope for His coming yet to be. I hope every family can join us for this event!

The virtue we have been strengthening this week is silence. Students have been practicing calming their bodies and their minds in order to better listen to God. When we practiced making silence for morning announcements this week, the primary students were unimpressed - the first day was only five seconds of silence, and they "make way more silence than that in the Atrium!" It was too easy! Classrooms will continue to strengthen this virtue throughout this week and next. Don't forget practice at home, too! This essential virtue is easily overlooked in the busyness of the season, but it makes Christmas so much more meaningful. I am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow night!



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Dear Transfiguration Parents,

Our upcoming All-School Christmas Concert is quickly approaching. Your children have been working very hard and are so excited to share their music with you. There is an amazing amount of talent in this school! I've outlined a few important concert details below. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon. --Mrs. Van Havermaet

## Important information for all families

**Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023**

**Time: 6:00pm**

The teachers will be waiting in their assigned sections at the church. Please have your child to their teacher **no later than 5:45** so the teachers can take attendance and ensure everyone is lined up correctly.

### Dress Code

Girls	Boys
Dress or nice shirt with skirt/slacks	Collared shirt, nice slacks
Shoulders must be covered, leggings should only be worn under a dress or skirt	Suits, ties, sweaters are optional
NO ripped jeans, sweatpants, graphic t-shirts, hoodies/sweatshirts, snow boots, or flip-flops	

### During the concert

- Please refrain from using flash photography.
- Please keep the side aisles as clear as possible, and the center aisle completely clear.
- K-8 students will remain with their teachers for the entirety of the concert. (Pre-school students will be escorted to their parents after they finish singing.)

## Important Note for families with 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students receive letter grades in music/choir. To fulfill the state performance standard and receive a passing grade for Tri. 2, all students are required to attend the Christmas concert. Should your child miss the concert, they will need to make up the work by attending one Monday night Children's Choir rehearsal and singing at one 10:30am Sunday mass before the end of Tri. 2\*. Arrangements for Children's Choir attendance should be scheduled in advance. Below are the two options:

#### Option 1

Rehearsal: Monday, Feb. 5, **OR** Feb 12

(5:15 – 6:15pm)

Mass: Sunday, Feb. 18 (9:45 – 11:30am)

#### Option 2:

Rehearsal: Monday, Feb. 12 **OR** Feb. 26

(5:15 – 6:15pm)

Mass: Sunday, March 3 (9:45 – 11:30am)

\*Middle School band students unable to attend the concert are exempt from the make-up assignment.



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## St. Lucia Bake Sale

Saturday, December 16, after 4 p.m. Mass &  
Sunday, December 17, after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.  
Drop-Off baked good donations in Gathering Space.  
December 15 & 16, 8:00 a.m. - Noon



Please package your donated baked goods in smaller quantities so they are ready to sell, example 6 cookies per bag, 4-6 muffins or cupcakes per plate.

School families complete some of your volunteer hours by donating baked goods or working during the Bake Sale. Each dozen will count as one volunteer hour, with a maximum limit per family of 3 volunteer hours. Working at the bake sale will also count towards volunteer hours. Sign up to volunteer at this link or scan the QR code. [➡](#)

First \$1000 earned will be donated to the school.  
Please bring cash to purchase baked goods.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 24: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24: 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.  
Monday, December 25: 9:30 a.m.

## Confession Times

We are offering additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you prepare for Christmas.

- Tuesday, Dec. 19: 12:00-12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 21: 12:00-12:30 p.m. & 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 22: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 23: 7:00-8:30 a.m., 9:00-10:00 a.m., & 3:00-3:30 p.m.



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Complete some of your volunteer hours by helping at the Christmas Tea. Sign up to volunteer at this link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4C8A72BA5FC1-46055525-stlucia>



May Peace be with you during this Christmas Season!