*Leading all those in the East Metro to Christ,*

*the Source and Summit of our daily and eternal lives.*

**Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter December 6, 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**

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| **Thursday, Nov. 30**      | NO hot lunch - all students bring cold lunch |
| **Sunday, Dec. 3**          | Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 9am-12:30pm |
| **Monday, Dec. 4**        | Parent Drive Day (no busses) |
| **Wednesday, Dec. 6**    | Middle School Parent Meeting, 5:30pm |
| **Friday, Dec. 8**          | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30am |
| **Thursday, Dec. 14**  | All School Christmas Program, 6pm (arrive 5:40) |
| **Dec. 21 - Jan. 2**        | No School - Christmas Break |
| **Feb. 3, 2023**              | Black and Gold Gala, 5pm-10pm |

**Upcoming Events**
**Cold Lunch Thursday -** There will be no hot lunch on Thursday, Nov. 30th; please plan on packing a cold lunch.**Pancake Breakfast this Sunday** - Our breakfast with Saint Nicholas is fast approaching!  Come to Mass, stay for a picture with Saint Nicholas and a delicious pancake breakfast from 9am - 12:30pm.  This is a great way to kick off the season of Advent!

**Parent Drive Day -** There will be no bussing on Monday, Dec. 4th.

**Middle School Parent Meeting** - All parents of Middle School student(s) are asked to come to a brief meeting on Dec. 6th at 5:30pm.  We will be discussing details regarding the spring Middle School trip to Washington D.C.

**Christmas Program** - Students have been preparing a beautiful Christmas program for December 14th.  Please see the attached information from Mrs. Van Havermaet for details about schedules and dress code.

**Black and Gold** - Our annual Black and Gold Gala is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 5-10pm. Please mark your calendars today!  If you are interested in helping at this event, please email tiger@transfigurationmn.org.

**Reminders**
**Volunteer Opportunity -** If you are interested in assisting with alumni documentation, please follow this link to sign up to help: [Alumni](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CA8A72BA5FC1-46246196-data#/)  This project does NOT require E3 certification.

**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!

**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.  Each card is 50 cents, and can be delivered to a student, faculty, or staff member.  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!

**Mrs. B.'s Bulletin**
Christmas is my favorite time of year, so I am very excited to be kicking off the season of Advent with our pancake breakfast.  Last year we had over 100 visitors, and the kids loved the pictures with Saint Nicholas, snowballing the Grinch, and dipping sausage in extra syrup.  We are hoping for an even larger turnout this year, so please do invite family and friends to this fun, no pressure community event.  I hope to see you there!

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

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|  **Girls Boys**  Dress or nice shirt with skirt/slacksCollared shirt, nice slacks  Shoulders must be covered, leggings should Suits, ties, sweaters are optional only be worn under a dress or skirt 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 4th – 8th graders:**

4th – 8th 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:

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| **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.