

Falcon Flyer

DECEMBER 15, 2017

Dear Families:

This will be our last Falcon Flyer before our Christmas, New Year break.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK –DECEMBER 20, 2017-JANUARY 2, 2018
SCHOOL RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018**

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?

- **December 15 – 1st grade to VASJ for Christmas party 8:30-1:30**
- **December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- **December 18 – Christmas Concert performance for school at 1:30 p.m.**
- **December 18 – Christmas Concert K-2-7:00 p.m.**
- **December 19 – Last day of school before Christmas/New Year Break
NO AFTER CARE TODAY
December 19 – Red & Green Dress Down Day**

**REGISTRATION – 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR
THE REGISTRATION PROCESS BEGINS
SHORTLY AFTER WE RETURN FROM BREAK!**

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeing the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

When we return from break, Mrs. Millett, our 7th and 8th grade ELA teacher will move into the newly created position of Assistant Principal. Mrs. Millett will continue teaching for the remainder of this year and begin the new position full-time next year. Mrs. Millett has been a part of the Our Lady of the Lake community her entire life and brings a wealth of knowledge and a great deal of expertise to the position. We welcome Mrs. Millett's creativity, energy and talent as we continue to move Our Lady of the Lake School forward as a leader in the educational community.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOK SALE

**PLEASE HELP!! WE HAVE ABOUT 52 BOOKS STILL OUT!
WE HAVE SENT LETTERS HOME AND
WILL NEED TO START MAKING PHONE CALLS.
WE NEED THE BOOK BACK OR THE \$25 PAYMENT
BEFORE WE LEAVE FOR BREAK!
PLEASE CHECK AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU EITHER
SENT YOUR BOOK BACK OR PAID FOR IT. THANK YOU!**

OCSAA – Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

On Wednesday, December 13, we welcomed assistant superintendent, Susan Pohly from the Diocese of Cleveland. She spent the day and conducted our school internal validation, which is part of our school's accreditation process. All Catholic schools in the State of Ohio are accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA), whose mission is to strengthen the Catholic Identity of schools and to insure continuous quality improvement. This process requires the school to develop at least one goal that will lead the school toward improved student performance and one goal that will focus the school's attention on its Catholic Identity and mission.

“Accreditation engages schools in an ongoing, comprehensive process of evaluation, accountability, enrichment and improvement. The Standards of the OCSAA constitute a framework for education within Catholic elementary and secondary schools that seek to obtain and maintain accredited status.”

- OCSAA Handbook

The visit from Mrs. Pohly went well. We were in compliance in our operating standards and we were commended on our accreditation work. We will make a few changes and revisions and the next step will be to have our external validation. A team of five principals, the chairperson from another Diocese, will visit for two days in the spring and review all of our work. They will then give us their recommendations. After that, we will finalize our two goals and begin work on them. Keep us in your prayers!