



Catholic Connections...We have celebrated many special feast days since last week. On Thursday, December 8th we attended Mass with Father Bill and celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On Friday, we talked about Juan Diego and his feast day is observed on December 12th and today we recognized St. Lucy the Light in the darkness. Students in grades 3 through 8 will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation this week as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

NWEA Testing Winter Window....We have transitioned over to the new updated Web Based MAP for our winter testing window. We have begun testing and hope to close our winter window before Christmas Break. Please encourage your child to do their very best on these assessments. Teachers

will continue to receive training in how to more effectively use the data results to drive their student instruction and help each student grow within his/her own boundaries.

These are very beneficial assessments for the teachers and the students. These tests are not timed, they are administered three times throughout the year to check for student growth and the test can adjust itself based on the student's answer to each individual question. This formal assessment is very useful for teachers and parents.

Safety & Security...Please remember to call the office if your child is going to be tardy to school, absent from school or picked up early.

'Tis the Season...Mrs. Sarasien, staff & students continue to prepare for the much anticipated Christmas Program. The program begins promptly at 7pm on Tuesday, December 20th. Don't forget to come early and get your Christmas cookies for the holiday season as we host our 4th annual Cookie Walk in the alcove of the gym. From 6pm until 6:50pm, you can purchase a Styrofoam container and fill 'er up with your choice of holiday goodies. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go to the technology fund.

Upcoming Events: Santa & Mrs. Claus will be here for pictures in the GYM from 9-11am on Fri, Dec 16 for \$2/each. Cookie Walk is Tues, December 20th beginning at 6pm. Last day of school before Christmas Break & end of the second quarter is Wednesday, December 21st; all mass will be at 8:15am and this is a Christmas Themed Dress Down for all.

FYI: Due to the SNOW DAY yesterday, school will be in session on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Stay safe and warm this week!!!!

Mrs. Worman