

DAMIANSVILLE

E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

Newsletter

December 9, 2011

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert is **Tuesday at 7:00 PM** in the gym. Students should arrive no earlier than 6:45 unless they are in band. Band students in grades 5-8 should arrive between 6:30 and 6:40 to warm up and practice before the concert (beginning band students need not come until 6:45). We look forward to seeing everyone there.

This year's program includes audience participation. © Mrs. Swaim is asking parents, family, and friends to bring something small to ring—bells, keys, even a cell phone ring tone.

Student Absences & Appointments

If you need to pick up your student for an appointment during the day or plan for a student to be absent, please call or send a note to inform both the office and your student's teacher. According to the law and school policy, this information must come from the parent—not the student—in the form of a signed note or phone call. If your child is absent because of illness, please call the office to let us know. If we do not hear from a parent, we are required to call, even at

work, to determine the reason for the absence.

SchoolStore.com

A letter was sent home yesterday letting you know that we have signed up to participate in SchoolStore.com's online shopping program. With this program, the school will earn money from purchases made online through SchoolStore.com. Over 200 merchants participate, including Target and WalMart. This opportunity helps the school raise extra money to benefit the students, but there is nothing you have to collect or send in. If you have questions about the program, please visit www.schoolstore.com. We greatly appreciate everyone's support!

We will continue to collect Boxtops for Education and Labels for Education, and you can donate points at mycokerewards.com.

Sports Update

Both the 5th and 6th grade boys won their games against District 12 this week. The 6th grade boys' team remains undefeated, while the 5th grade team has a 6-1 record. Congratulations! The girls played against Albers in the Conference consolation championship game. Next week the

varsity boys' team begins their Conference Tournament at District 12.

PTO News

Chevy's Night is TONIGHT!

Chevy's gives **25%** of our sales back to the PTO, so enjoy an evening out (no cooking or dishes!) while helping our school. Don't forget your flyer!

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold Cardinals calendars. We profited over \$1600 on this fundraiser. Remember, money for the calendars should be turned in by next Wednesday, December 14.

Thank you to everyone for your Scrip orders. Another Scrip order will be placed on December 15, and will be express shipped to arrive in time for Christmas. This is a great way to get those last minute gifts and stocking stuffers without braving the crowded stores! Every order placed benefits our school, so we truly appreciate your help and support.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 10 – Meeting, 6:30
Jan. 13 – Movie Night
Jan. 20 – Soup Night /
Open House
Feb. 25 – Bash for Cash

Youth Choir News

REMINDER—The Youth Choir only has a few Christmas practices remaining! We practice on Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00. A Youth Choir photo for the Sesquicentennial booklet will be taken at practice this Sunday, December 11. Please be there. The Youth Choir will sing at Christmas Eve mass on Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 PM. Please be in your places in the balcony no later than 4:30 that evening. Thank you for sharing your voices and making a "Joyful Noise" this Christmas season! If you have any questions, contact Jackie (248-5588) or Geri (248-5223).

The Giving Tree

The annual community "Giving Tree" project continues through this Sunday, December 11. Families are invited to donate new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for children or adults, and hang them on the Giving Tree located in the gathering space at St. Damian Church. The items may also be brought to school, and Geri Varel will collect them and hang them on the tree. All sizes and colors are welcome! All items will be given to the local BCMW office for distribution. Thank you in advance for your help in providing some warmth to those who are less fortunate. For more information, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

Reminders

Events are listed through the month of December.

- 12/12** – JV/V Girls @ TL Hoffman, 6:00
- 12/12-16** – Varsity Boys Conference Tournament @ Breese Dist. 12
- 12/13** – 5/6 Boys @ Trenton, 4:00
- Christmas Concert, 7:00**
- 12/15** – Scrip Orders Due JV/V Girls v. Wesclin @ Home, 6:00
- 12/19** – 5/6 Boys v. St. Rose @ Home, 4:00
JV/V Boys @ TL Hoffman, 6:00
Board Meeting, 6:30
- 12/20** – JV/V Girls v. Maryville Christian @ Home, 6:00
- 12/21** – **Early Dismissal, 1:45**
End of 2nd Quarter
- 12/22-1/2** – **No School, Christmas Break**
- 1/3** – School Resumes

