

HAWK HEADLINES



ST. MARY OF THE KNOBS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

★★★★ 4-STAR SCHOOL

Where
Children
and GOD
meet
daily.



**Burn Bright
with His Light!**

Principal's Corner

SMKCS Families,

Once again SMKCS has received an "A" accountability grade by the Indiana Department of Education! This grade reflects our students' academic performance and growth in the 2017-2018 school year.

Although we're very proud of the recognition from the Indiana DOE and our tradition of excellence, we take the most pride in what we often refer to as the "SMK Difference" – the little things that make SMKCS unique by comparison to other schools. Part of that difference is our focus on the teachings of Christ, especially at this time of year. In preparation for Christmas, several students will be sharing special programs. Little Hawks will have their delightful, adorable programs on Dec. 17 and 18 in Assumption Hall. The K-3rd grade students will perform on Dec. 12 in the GAC, and 4th and 5th grade students prepare to host an Advent Tea, small groups serving others and sharing the story of Christmas.

How are you preparing for Christmas? If you have not already, consider one of these daily Advent reflections that will be delivered directly to your inbox. Each takes just a few minutes and will foster a richer faith and a more meaningful way of living:

Word on Fire:

www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-bishop-barrons-free-daily-advent-reflections/4977/

Dynamic Catholic:

dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

Also, the "light is on" every Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30 in the Church; Father Mike will be available for confessions.

Have a blessed Advent,
Tracy Jansen

Important Information

-Thanks to all of those who donated to St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities and for those parents who volunteered to shop for the families. Your generous donations will make their Christmas complete.

- November childcare and tuition payments are due December 15th. Childcare invoices are posted in Headmaster. Please make sure at least 50% of your family's tuition total is paid by December 15th.

- Our Mrs. Claus' Ornament Shop will be open December 6 & 7 in the STEM Lab for students to shop for presents for their families. This is a PTO sponsored event and it is not a fundraiser. All items are sold for the price at which they were purchased. If you would like for your child to shop, please send in an envelope with your child's name on it and money on the day their class will shop. Please make checks payable to SMKCS PTO.

The items are \$1-\$3. The shop is NOT open before or after school, only during the allotted times for each class. We will have Mrs. Claus' shopping helpers available for all students, however if Little Hawk parents would like to help your children you may come in at the class's scheduled time.

- Spots remain for cafeteria volunteers this month:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094fa9a92ca1f85-smkcs2> Second semester sign-ups coming soon!

- A huge thank you to all who donated items to childcare!
- Check childcare lost & found to claim any missing items.

December 5, 2018

Mark Your Calendar

12/6 St. Nicholas Day
12/6-7 Mrs. Claus' Shop
12/7 No Mass, Students' Penance Service
12/8 Feast of Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass @ Church 9:00 a.m.
12/12 K-3 Grade Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in GAC
12/14 Mass Led by 3rd Grade
12/17
12/18 K-5th Grade Christmas Party 2:15 p.m.
Report Cards Sent Home
12/19-1/2 – Christmas Break

THESE STUDENTS

"BURNED BRIGHT WITH HIS LIGHT"

Claire Headlev * Izzv Huber * Rush Betourne

At SMK Catholic Middle we know that when students work toward a real life goal we see the most engagement. During our weekly house meeting a group of sixth thru eighth graders have been collaborating on a musical project – creating their own band! Using their individual gifts and their excellent communication skills they have collaborated to create a musical piece that honors our Mother Mary. Their band, Nest Revival, includes eight musicians playing four different instruments, as well as, two singing groups. It is amazing what our middle school students can achieve when given the opportunity to shine! If you are interested in our middle school programming please feel free to email me at bgeswein@yoursmk.org

Mission Statement St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School, modeled in the image of Christ, shall nurture the spiritual, academic, and individual potential of our students. We shall prepare children for the challenges of today and the future.