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*Where Faith and Knowledge Meet*

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# INCARNATION INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **12/6/11** Feast of Saint Nicholas; Reconciliation Service for Grades 6,7, 8
- **12/7/11** Reconciliation Service for Grades 3,4,5; Santa's Secret Workshop
- **12/8/11** Feast of the Immaculate Conception—8:30 am All School Mass; Santa's Secret Workshop
- **12/13/2011** Parish Reconciliation Service 7:00—8:00 pm in Church; Parents' Club Christmas Party 8:00 pm in B.C.
- **12/19/2011** School Board Meeting/Christmas Party 7:30 pm in the Adult Formation Center
- **12/20/11** No FSP or Parents' Club Lunch offered; Advent Prayer Service 1:00 pm in Church
- **12/21/11** Morning Extended Day available; 8:00 am start; Parents' Club Hot Dog Lunch; Classroom & Staff Christmas Parties 1:00-2:15 pm; No Afternoon Extended Day
- **12/22/11** NO SCHOOL—Christmas Vacation begins—January 9
- **12/24/11** Christmas Eve
- **12/25/11** Christmas Day
- **12/31/11** New Year's Eve
- **1/1/12** New Year's Day
- **1/9/12** Classes Resume
- **1/11/12** PLC Meeting—Late Start
- **1/16/12** NO SCHOOL

## RECONCILIATION SERVICES

*In preparation for Christmas, our 3rd-8th Graders will be attending the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This is a great way for children to prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus this Advent season.*

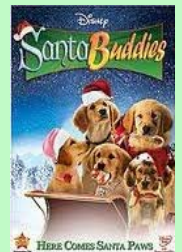


## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



**This Thursday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join us for the 8:30 all school mass prepared by Mrs. Watson and the 4th Grade class.**

## STEP-A-THON MOVIE TREAT



In appreciation for the fabulous job we did this past fall raising money for our Step-A-Thon, all students will be treated to a Christmas themed movie on Friday 12/16 at 12:30 pm. Children in Grades 2-8 will be seeing *Elf* (rated PG) and students in Pre-school—Grade 1 will be shown *Santa Buddies* (rated G). Parents who do not feel comfortable with the PG rating of *Elf* should notify their child's homeroom teacher. Your child will then serve as a helper in the younger grades and enjoy the alternate movie. Popcorn will be provided for all the children. Feel free to send in an additional juice box or bottle of water with your child that day to enjoy during the movie. We hope these films put everyone in the Christmas spirit!

**FREE DEPAUL BLUE DEMONS BASKETBALL TICKETS:**

Enclosed in the brown envelope this week you will find a voucher good for up to 4 free tickets to attend either a DePaul Men's or Women's Division 1 Basketball game in December—courtesy of DePaul University.



**Women's Games:** Dec. 3, 7, 9, 16, 22 & 31

**Men's Games:** Dec. 1, 5, 10, 17 & 21

Coaches who would like to take along the whole team for a Field Trip or those of you who would like to bring along extended family can call the school office and request an additional voucher. These will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Vouchers can be redeemed in person at the box office (including game days) or at the DePaul Athletic Office prior to game day.

**A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY:** Looking for something fun to do with the family after the holidays? Consider attending *A Little Bit of Germany* at Alan B. Shepard H.S. on Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 4:00—8:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Dinner includes bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, bread & butter, coffee, water or cider. A German band will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. All proceeds will go to Shepard students traveling to Germany in June of 2012 and their foreign exchange program. For more information contact Mrs. Jennifer Fischer at [jennifer.fischer@chsd218.org](mailto:jennifer.fischer@chsd218.org) or call 708-371-1111 x 3073.



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**HOLIDAY STRESS**

The holidays are a wonderful time of year, but also bring on additional stress to already busy families. Here are a few things you can do to keep the sanity in your household from now until Christmas!

- Have a positive attitude.
- Try not to worry about things out of your control.
- Problem solve with people around you. Ask them to help you alleviate stress.

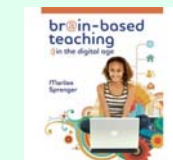
More ideas next week!

Taken from:  
<http://depression.about.com/cs/holidayblues/a/holidaystress.htm>

**EXCITING HAPPENINGS AT INCARNATION SCHOOL!**



*Our Kindergarten students help present this month's Virtue—LOVE to the rest of the school. During Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus by doing good and loving others. The Kindergarteners are shown at the left with Baby Jesus and baskets of baby items collected in the school that will be donated to the Courage Crisis Pregnancy Center.*



**Link New Learning to Stories**

A great way to learn new material is through the use of stories. Stories engage many areas of the brain. They come from our experiences, our memories, our ideas, our actions, and our feelings. Because stories have beginnings, middles, and endings, they help to develop sequencing and organizing processes of the brain. Stories also engage many different emotional triggers that are helpful in retrieving information (p. 27).

Taken from: *Brain-Based Teaching in the Digital Age* by Marilee Sprenger