

December 4, 2017

Dear St. Germaine families,

I hope all of you enjoyed your weekend, lots of activity—high school placement test, middle school dance, basketball games and team Mass, breakfast with Santa...

As we enter our Advent season, we turn our focus on preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus—the true “reason for the season” of Christmas!

- Our “eating out” location this week is at **Potbelly 5 - 8 pm**. Let them know you’re there for our fundraiser.
- **Upcoming Student Council events:** Free “Pajama Day” December 15 as a thank you for everyone’s participation in their events so far this year! “Holly Hoops and Shoots” for \$1.00 December 18 at 2:30 pm. A food drive will be coordinated after the New Year.
- Thank you to all who participated in our **annual all – school service project** toy drive! Many toys were collected and will be distributed to children, at a special party for them December 13.
- Our **Daisy/Brownie Pet supply drive** continues through today... See [flyer](#).
- Students in grades 1 – 8 are invited to participate in the **Knights of Columbus poster contest** themed, **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Posters are due by December 15. An opportunity to design our **Christmas program cover** was offered as well, all designs are due by tomorrow, December 5.
- Please share this link: <http://www.ltdcommodities.com/channels/school/sgcs48081> with family, friends, and on social media. We are eligible for 5 – 7% cash back on all sales through 12/15.
- Please send **pictures for the 2017 – 2018 yearbook** to **Lisa Green** at lgreen@stgermaine.org
- Sporting events, birthday parties, field trips are all great photo opportunities for our yearbook!
- **Santa Shop** will open the week of December 11. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success, please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba9a72ca20-santas1>
- While many of our school families are members of neighboring parishes, Our Lady of Hope Parish is the community that financially supports our school. Please consider directing your **Christmas offering** to Our Lady of Hope Parish. Every dollar gifted to OLOH, as a Christmas offering, stays within our parish, and is not assessed (taxed) by the Archdiocese. Online donations may be made at www.OLOHSCS.ORG. Thank you in advance!

Here’s a look at our week ahead:

Monday, December 4	Math Club after school
Tuesday, December 5	Christmas program covers due, Toddler Time! Band class after school, Potbelly 5 – 8 pm
Wednesday, December 6	Mid – quarter 2, Student Council meeting after school
Thursday, December 7	Band class after school
Friday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30 am—join us! Knights of Columbus Poster Contest posters due
Sunday, December 10	Advent Tea at 11:30 am, Santa Shop set up 6:30 pm in the social hall

DECEMBER 15: St. Germaine Gr. 1 – 8 Christmas Concert at Lakeview HS at 6:30 pm (1/2 day of school)

Weekend Liturgies here at Our Lady of Hope are celebrated Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 8:30 am and 10:30 am (a special “Children’s Liturgy” is offered during 10:30 Mass). *There is no better way to ensure your child develops in his or her faith life than to regularly, actively, and joyfully celebrate the Eucharist as a family.*

Advent Peace and Blessings,
Mrs. DeGrez

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