



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

December 1, 2017

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Important Dates

Robotics State Tournament Shelton High School	12/2
Scholastic Book Fair	12/4–12/8
Chorus & Band Performance Old Reading Room Westerly Library 6:00 pm (Westerly Stroll)	12/6
Report Card Conferences 1/2 Day Dismissals	12/7 & 12/8
Immaculate Conception Mass 11:00 am St. Mary Church	12/8
LuLaRoe Fundraiser St. Mary Church Hall 10:00 am–3:00 pm	12/9
St. Nick's Closet	12/12–12/14
Band & Chorus Concert St. Mary Church Hall 6:30 pm	12/21
Lessons & Carols St. Mary Church 10:00 am	12/22



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and relaxing weekend. We are now entering into that happy but busy time of year!

There is a lot going on the next couple of weeks. Next week is our Scholastic Book Fair. Students will be heading over to view their choices beginning on Monday. Teachers and upper grade students will help the younger ones make selections and make lists. The fair will also be open during the times for report card conferences, so parents may make purchases as well. Books make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Report card conferences are next Thursday and Friday. You should have received a notice from Mrs. Lawrence informing you of your scheduled time. Both Thursday and Friday are half days, with conferences both afternoons and Thursday evening. Please remember these conferences are scheduled for 10 minutes as the teachers have to meet with all the parents. If you have concerns and would like to speak to the teachers for a longer time, please make arrangements to schedule another appointment. We want to keep things moving the days of the conferences so that people don't have to wait too long because conference run overlong.

The following week is our annual St. Nick's Closet event. This is an opportunity for the stu-

dents to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. Again, older students will assist younger ones in making their choices. This is a fun event the students really enjoy, and it is always fun for parents to unwrap these carefully chosen gifts!

Next Wednesday is the downtown Westerly Christmas stroll. This year the St. Michael School Band and Chorus will be performing in the Old reading Room of the Westerly Library at 6:00 pm. I'm sure they'd love to have some of our families stop by to listen.

Next Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The students will be attending Mass at 11:00 am at St. Mary Church. Please join us.

Tomorrow, our Robotics Team (SMART) will be heading once again to the Connecticut State Robotics Tournament. This is the fifth year in a row that the team has made states! (Although, we have made it 7 or 8 years in total.) The team placed 4th out of 26 teams in the Qualifying Tournament at Berlin High School on November 18. They won the Robot Design Award and a Golden Ticket to the State Tournament. Special thanks for all their hard work must go to our coaches: Mr. & Mrs. Drago and Ms. O'Callaghan, and to all of the parents who helped. Please join me in wish-

ing the team the best of luck tomorrow. They have worked hard this year!!

I know it is not for a few weeks, but Lessons and Carols will be held on December 22 at 10:00 am. Originally we had scheduled it for 11 am, but we need the time to insure the students can arrive back at school for the 1/2 day dismissal. Mark your calendars, this is an event not to be missed!

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. This is the time of preparation for the birth of the Lord. It is good time to speak with your children about the holiness of the season and the importance of what we are awaiting. Advent wreaths or calendars are great family activities. Discussing kindness and doing for others is also a great way to teach children how to prepare for Christmas. It is a time of joy, but we need to remember it about more than presents and Santa Claus.

Have a wonderful weekend and God bless!

Mrs. Messina

