



St. Mary's Bryantown School

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December 14, 2011

THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

This will be the last newsletter and white envelope for 2011. On behalf of Father Conley, Mrs. Caniglia, faculty, and staff we wish you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy and Safe New Year! See you in 2012! Classes resume **Monday, January 2, 2012.**

Advent Service Project

We have been able to extend our Advent Service Project by a few days, and will be accepting all donations of new, unwrapped toys through tomorrow, Thursday, December 15, 2011. These toys will be going to the shelter in Hughesville, and to help the Children's Aid Society who have many children to provide for this Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Christmas Ornaments

Some ornaments made by the school children are still available for purchase. If you weren't able to come out to the Bazaar to purchase your child's ornament please check in the main office. All ornaments are \$3.00 each.

Tuition Assistance Program

There is quite a bit of important information regarding the TAP, so please read carefully. This is the last Thursday to order before Christmas break. Weekly ordering will resume on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Good news, \$25 Giant cards are back in stock. Giant \$50 and \$100 cards will continue to be available.

There will be a slight change to the January Walk-up sales calendar since there are some Tuesdays that school will be closed. Walk-up sales in January will be held on the 2nd and 5th Tuesdays of the month, January 10 and January 31. Please plan accordingly.

Since there will be no white envelope next week we are making every attempt to have all gift cards available for pick-up on Monday afternoon and evening, December 19, or on Tuesday or Wednesday (December 20 & 21) in the main office. Any gift cards not picked up by Wednesday, December 21 will be held in the school safe until school re-opens in January.

Thank you for your continued support of the TAP program and Merry Christmas!

Families in Need

Our own school community has five families who are in need. Donations have already been given, and they are greatly appreciated. We would like to centralize the donations through the school's main office to avoid duplication of effort, and to assure an equitable distribution of the donations to those families. If you are inclined to assist in helping these families have a Merry Christmas please contact Mrs. Caniglia, Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Crozier. There is a collection envelope in the main office. If a family in need requests a donation from you, please refer them to Mrs. Caniglia for assistance. Thank you for your generous hearts and caring spirit. All of you are truly St. Mary's Angels.

Archdiocese of Washington "Speak Up" Technology Survey

Please read the enclosed flyer regarding the "Speak Up" survey opportunity. This is an "annual research project conducted by Project Tomorrow, which collects and reports on the views of K-12 students, teachers, administrators, and parents on 21st century education and technology." The findings of this survey are presented to the U.S. Congress, Department of Education, and other federal agencies and policy research groups and associations. This is your unique opportunity to "Speak Up" about education, and let your voice be heard. The deadline for the on-line survey is December 23, 2011. Go to <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/>

Survey password: speakup_adw

STEM Competition

The annual STEM competition (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is being held this Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at North Point High School. Our 5th and 7th grades will be competing after months of research, production, and teamwork. Please support our students through prayer and well wishes.

ZooLights

Our school Handbell and Children's Choir will be performing Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 7 and again at 8 p.m. at the National Zoo's Visitor Center. This is quite an honor for our school, choirs, and students. This is a wonderful family event, and will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Please come out and support them as they perform.

Christmas Program, Band Concert, and H.S.A. Presentation

Our annual Christmas program is upon us once again. We expect another year of spirited and lively singing and performing from grades Pre-K through 3rd grade. The Beginner Band and Advanced Band will perform some of their favorite pieces, and we will have a brief presentation from an H.S.A. representative. Refreshments will be provided by the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades. Please come out and enjoy watching your children perform.

Children's Day and Class Parties

All students and faculty are invited to participate in a Red and Green out-of-uniform day. Our day will begin with carols, stories, snacks and Santa's visit followed by a school concert performed by our own St. Mary's Band.

Class parties will begin at 2 p.m. and will end promptly at 3 p.m. All parents will be required to leave the school building at 3 p.m., so that the teachers and students can prepare for a regular dismissal and end of day prayer. We have established a new policy regarding dismissal to ensure the safety of all of our students and visitors to our school. We ask all parents for their full cooperation. **NO STUDENT WILL BE DISMISSED UNTIL 3:30 p.m., AND WE WILL HAVE A REGULAR**

DISMISSAL.

Catholic Business Association

Included in your white envelope is the Catholic Business Association Directory. We ask that you support these businesses as they have been very generous to our three Catholic schools in Charles County. Thank you.

Jesus is the Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
The source of Christmas joy;
A star shown on a miracle:
The virgin birth of a boy.
He was born both God and man,
A Savior for us all,
The way to get to our heavenly home,
If we just heed His call.
So as we shop and spend and wrap
And enjoy the Christmas season,
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:
Jesus is the reason.
By Joanna Fuchs

Important Dates

- Dec. 14 (Wednesday)—Interims issued
- Dec. 16 (Friday)—Mass—9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 17 (Saturday)—STEM competition, 5th & 7th grades, North Point High School, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Dec. 18 (Sunday) – Handbell and Choir scheduled to perform at 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the National Zoo Zoolights
- Dec. 19 (Monday)—Christmas program, Band Concert, H.S.A. meeting—7 p.m.
- Dec. 21 (Wednesday)—Children's Day, School Band concert, Classroom parties. Out-of-Uniform day—wear Red or Green!
- Dec. 22—January 1—School closed
- Jan. 2--(Monday)—Classes resume



"It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." Matthew 18:14

TUITION ASSISTANCE ORDER FORM

Date:	Family to be created:
Name:	Telephone number in case there are questions about your order:
Name & grade of youngest child (weekly white envelope):	Check #:

Denomination	Quantity	Total Amount Ordered
BJs (2%)	25	
BJs (2%)	50	
BJs (2%)	100	
Food Lion (5%)	25	
Food Lion (5%)	100	
Giant (4%)	25	
Giant (4%)	100	
McKays (5%)	25	
McKays (5%)	50	
McKays (5%)	100	
Nick's of Clinton (5%)	25	
Safeway (4%)	25	
Safeway (4%)	100	
Ritas (10%)	5	
Spirit of America Car Wash (15%)	25	
Ledos -- Charlotte Hall (10%)	10	
WRITE-IN STORES FROM GLSCRIP BELOW:		
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TOTAL ORDER:		\$

Check out www.glscrip.com for daily updates and changes to stores that are offered.
 Replacements will not be issued for lost or stolen cards. Please keep in a safe place.

This
is your



Last Chance
To Buy Tickets
You can win up to \$6,000
for just \$25 each

Drawings Dates are:

January 6, 2012
February 3, 2012
March 2, 2012

April 13, 2012
May 4, 2012
June 1, 2012

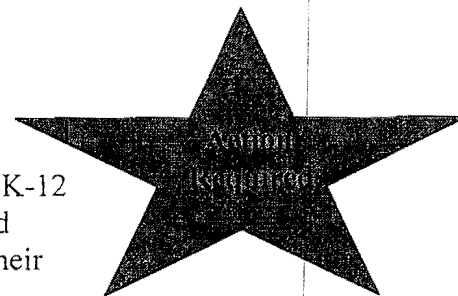
Call the main office on 301-932-6883 to get your tickets or after Mass.

**Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools
"Speak Up" Technology Survey**

December 5, 2011

What is Speak Up?

Speak Up is the annual research project conducted by Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit group that collects and reports on the views of K-12 students, teachers, administrators, and parents on 21st century education and technology. Over 2.2 million students, educators, and parents have shared their views regarding the use of educational technology through the **Speak Up** surveys.



This flyer is to encourage you to participate in this optional but extremely valuable survey.

Why participate in Speak Up this year?

Speak Up provides a unique way for the ideas and opinions of our families and community members to have an impact on archdiocesan and state level initiatives and in federal policies and programs. Each spring, Project Tomorrow shares the national **Speak Up** findings with the U.S. Congress, Department of Education, other federal agencies and policy research groups and associations. There is no cost to participate; no limit on the number of surveys that can be submitted; and all data collected is 100% confidential. Last year over 6,541 schools and 1,340 districts participated.

Be a part of this national movement to include more authentic stakeholder views in education discussions!

How do you participate in Speak Up?

The **Speak Up** online surveys are open for input now through **December 23, 2011**.

All of the **Speak Up** surveys are online and accessible 24/7 from any Internet connected computer. Project Tomorrow has already registered our school to participate. All you have to do is take the 20 minute survey at: <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/> using the password **speakup_adw**

Once you have logged on to the survey, find our school in the drop down list to begin.

**Speak Up 2011
Survey closes on December 23rd, 2011
<http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2011/>
Survey Password: **speakup_adw****



December 14, 2011

Dear St. Mary's Bryantown Community,

We will be making the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring and are asking for your help. After reflecting on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy we have decided to do service for the Angel's Watch Shelter in Hughesville. They are in need of basic things. The list of items is on the back of this letter. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. You can send them into school c/o Heidi Ptack or Grayson Bowling. If needed, we can pick up from your house. If you have any questions, please call.

Thank you,

Heidi Ann Ptack
301-904-7933

and

Grayson Bowling
301-870-1868



Angel's Watch Shelter

As of November 2011



Shelter Needs List

Locks for lockers
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Dish washing liquid
Gloves – Non latex / food prep and for cleaning
Garbage bags – small, medium, large
Lysol Spray
Bleach
Pine Sol
Microwave Oven
Kitchen serving utensils (spoons, spatula's, etc)
Umbrellas
Towels – Bath size
Pillows
Blankets
Comforters
Mops
Brooms
Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent - powder
Plastic wrap
Aluminum foil
Fast food gift cards or Movie Theater Gift Cards (used for resident appreciation program)
Gift Cards to stores – Walmart, CVS, Target, Rite Aid (assist with prescriptions)
Gift Cards to Lowes / Home Depot (for repairs around the shelter)

Resident Needs List

Body Wash
Pull ups 2T to 5T
Baby wipes
Kid's slippers - all sizes
Women slippers - all sizes
Women robes - all sizes
Bra's - all different sizes
Toothpaste for adults and children
Baby Monitors