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# Cathedral School News—12/4/2019

## A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. At Cathedral School we thank you for entrusting your children to us and we celebrate the many ways their energy and smiles brighten our days!!

It is an exciting time at Cathedral School as students, faculty and staff prepare for the birth of Jesus. We had our first Advent Prayer Service this past Monday. We talked about three things that we are doing to prepare for the birth of Jesus:

- 1) **Prayer Services and the Advent Wreath:** As the four Advent candles represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, we discussed how prayer and kind actions in our school and in our homes can help us to keep Jesus in our hearts.
- 2) **'Blanket' for Baby Jesus:** During the season of Advent students are working hard to prepare a soft 'blanket' for Baby Jesus' cradle. Please ask your child how we are doing this. It is a wonderful way to sprinkle kindness and goodness towards each other throughout our school day! The cradle is in the lobby under the Christmas tree for all of us to watch us prepare a very soft 'blanket' for Jesus.
- 3) **Catholic Charities Advent Giving:** The generosity of our Cathedral families in donating hats, mittens, and socks to the Catholic Charities Warming Center was very appreciated. Thank you for your selflessness in providing help to those less fortunate. The Christmas spirit of giving is definitely present in the Cathedral community!!!

Happy St. Nicholas Day to everyone this Friday.  
Enjoy today and each day of Advent.

In service of your children,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka  
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School

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# Cathedral School Christmas Concert (4K-2nd)

A reminder that our Cathedral Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. and our dress rehearsal will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 12. The concert, and dress rehearsal, will be in the Aquinas Theater. Parents, grandparents, and family friends are welcome to attend either or both performances. A reminder that for the evening of the concert the students should dress up and arrive between 5:30 and 5:50 p.m. The theater doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The students will be given an assigned room to meet with their teachers to assist in preparation and supervision. After the concert, please pick up your child in that classroom. There will be a reception in the school cafeteria following the concert.

For the reception following the concert we ask families whose last name begins with **A to L** to bring 1 or 2 dozen cookies to the Aquinas commons (cafeteria) prior to the concert. Several parents and/or teachers will be in the commons to receive and organize these items. **THANK YOU!**



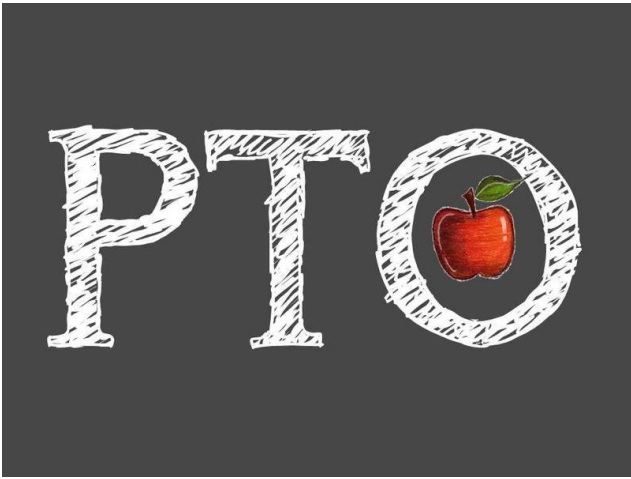
## Cathedral 3P Christmas Concert

The Cathedral 3P Christmas Concert will be on Thursday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the worship area. Parents, grandparents, and family friends are invited to join in celebrating Christmas with our 3P children. There will be a reception following the concert in the 3P classroom.

## Family Christmas Cards

Cathedral School has a tradition of school families sharing their Christmas cards. All families are invited to send a family Christmas card to the school office. The cards will be displayed on our hallway bulletin board. Please stop and look at them as you are coming in the building before and after school. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with our Cathedral family.





# PTO Updates

Enclosed you will find a "Christmas Gifts" summary for Cathedral faculty and staff. Please note the deadlines as you make your plans for this.

Thank you to the following parents who are homeroom representatives for the 2019-20 school year. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

## 2019-2020 HOMEROOM REPRESENTATIVES

3P	Mrs. Knapmiller	Avrie Schott and Lindsay Severson
4K	Mrs. Healy	Beth Binsfeld and Heather Voves
5K	Mrs. Dickinson	Corry Marco and Amy McGovern
5K	Mrs. Vanish	Jackie Levendoski and Kristin Sullivan
Grade 1	Mrs. Flottmeyer	Julie Hancock and Meenu Trehan
Grade 1	Miss Wirth	Corry Marco and Brea Grace
Grade 2	Mrs. Dobbins	Avrie Schott and Holli Ludlow
Grade 2	Mrs. Johanns	Jackie Levendoski and Denise Grabowski

Parent volunteers are needed for:

- 1) Helping with the set-up of the reception for the Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12 at 5:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.
- 2) Helping with the Christmas Party hosted by Blessed Sacrament 6th Grade students on Friday morning, December 20 from 9:20 - 10:30 a.m.
- 3) Helping with the Roller Skating Unit in January for Physical Education classes.

All of these are laid out on-line in individual Sign-Up Genius schedules. Your help, if it works into your schedules, is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral School, under the leadership of **Heidi Bouzek, mother of Kahlan**, is now enrolled in the Crayola ColorCycle program. This program repurposes used markers rather than sending them to landfills! The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles. Please help support our efforts by turning in any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. There is a drop-off box in the main lobby to deposit the markers. Thank you in advance for participating!



## Parish News

**St. Mary's Annual Craft Show** = SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 ~ Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Visit our website: [stmarycv.org](http://stmarycv.org) and click on the Craft Show tab for information, or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)

**Holy Trinity Cookie Walk & Bazaar** = Holy Trinity Church will be holding their annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar on Saturday, December 14th from 8am-noon in Leo Hall at 1333 South 13th Street, La Crosse. Homemade cookies, breads, and other goodies (\$6.50/lb), as well as jewelry, Christmas decorations, and crafts! There will also be an express lunch served during this time. Hope to see you there!

**MMOC Cookie Walk** = Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, at our Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade breads, pies and candies and many miscellaneous homemade craft items and Scrip gift cards available for sale. Pastries, coffee and apple cider are available from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. and homemade soup and chili from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dollhouse raffle, raffle baskets and hourly door prizes. Demonstrations making krumkake and Rosettes. Let us do your Christmas baking!



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## AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a  
Christ-centered family  
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths  
through educational excellence  
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

### CORE VALUES

**FAITH**—Serving Jesus and His Church  
**INTEGRITY**—Cultivating moral character  
**EXCELLENCE**—Pursuing daily improvement  
through life-long learning  
**LEADERSHIP**—Inspiring achievement  
and stewardship  
**DIGNITY**—Respecting God, others and self

<https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home>

## School Calendar Reminders

Friday, December 6	Cathedral Spirit Day - CES Spirit shirt with dress code or non-dress code bottoms Mid Quarter
Monday, December 9	Advent Prayer Service 8:30 a.m. AHS Mini Concert 9:30 a.m. - all school field trip
Wednesday, December 11	Mass led by Mrs. Dobbins' class 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Rehearsal 4K-Gr.2 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 12	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal at AHS Theatre 3P-Gr. 2 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert at AHS Theatre 4K- Gr.2 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16	Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 17	5K-Gr. 2 to Viterbo 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Mass led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class 9:00 a.m. Children Feeding Children Food Donation December Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 19	3P Christmas Concert 10:00 a.m. June Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m.
Friday, December 20	Crayola Box Top Dress Down Day. Any appropriate clothing is acceptable. Students DO NOT need to be in dress code.
December 23-January 1	All School Christmas Party 9:30 a.m. hosted by BSS students <b>NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>
Thursday, January 2	<b>SCHOOL RESUMES</b> STAR Assessment begins
Friday, January 3	Cathedral Spirit Day - CES Spirit shirt with dress code or non-dress code bottoms