

“Reading Buddies” Bring Grades Together at Both Frassati Campuses

By Abby Tekampe

What are Reading Buddies? Reading buddies are when upper grade (4th-5th grade) students gather with younger students (pre-school through 1st grade), and do things together. While the primary activity is reading, they also socialize and do other things. This program has been going on for many years at Frassati. There are many grades that do reading buddies at our two campuses.

Every Thursday the kindergarteners and fifth-graders gather together at the Mundelein campus. They do crafts or read books, and they also walk to church together for weekly mass. At the beginning of the year the fifth-graders read to the kindergarteners, and towards the middle to end of the year, the kindergarteners read to the fifth graders. Some crafts they do are: making/decorating placemats, making bracelets, and many other things. Alex Casteneda, a fifth grader at the Mundelein campus, shared what she thought of reading buddies, “I think it is a lot of fun.”

On Tuesdays, the first graders and fourth graders also gather together at the Mundelein campus. They read different books to each other and walk to church together on Thursdays for mass. I talked to Ms. Masterson, the first grade teacher at the Mundelein campus, and asked her what she thought of reading buddies. She replied, “I really like the program, it is helpful for the younger kids and the older kids because it helps with their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. It also gives the big kids a chance to be a leader.”

Quinn McConville, a first grader at the Mundelein campus, added, “It’s fun!”

Sometimes the third graders at the Mundelein campus will also walk to church for mass with the preschoolers.

On Friday afternoons while the middle schoolers are at mass the 1st and 5th graders at the Wauconda campus get together to read and do projects. I spoke with first grader Matthew Parmley at the Wauconda campus and asked him what he liked about



photo by Abby Tekampe

4th Grader Kelly McQuillan reads to 1st Graders, James Roche & Montserrat Williams

reading buddies. He said, “I like doing projects with the 5th graders like making turkeys.” Also on Fridays the kindergarteners and 4th graders also read together and do projects. Sometimes their projects deal with reading comprehension.

I spoke to a few fourth graders at the Wauconda campus about what they thought about reading buddies. Kasey Krueger replied, “I like spending time with the kindergarteners because they have good ideas and love to have fun.”

Matias Rodriguez said, “I think it is good that we read with them and they have fun ideas.”

I also talked to Noah Kovarik. He said, “I think it is a good way to meet and make friends with the kindergarteners. Before reading buddies I did not know any of the kindergarteners.”

From the kindergarteners point of view, Leah Woodall said, “I like reading with the fourth graders and I like all the books we read.”

I believe that this program will continue for many, many years to come. It is a good way to make new friends, learn something new, and have some fun.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- * Fri, Dec. 1
Honors Ceremony (Middle School)
Breakfast w/Santa Setup (6:00-10:00pm)
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
- * Sat, Dec. 2
Santa Maria Craft Fair (10:00am-4:00pm)
Carmel Entrance Exam (8:00 am)
- * Sun, Dec. 3
Breakfast with Santa (8:00am-noon)
- * Wed, Dec. 6
FFA Meeting @ 6:30pm - Pollone
- * Fri, Dec. 8
Wauconda Café Fundraiser
- * Mon, Dec. 11
Band Concert @ 7:00pm - St. Francis
- * Thur, Dec. 14
Mund Campus Xmas Concert @ 1:00 pm

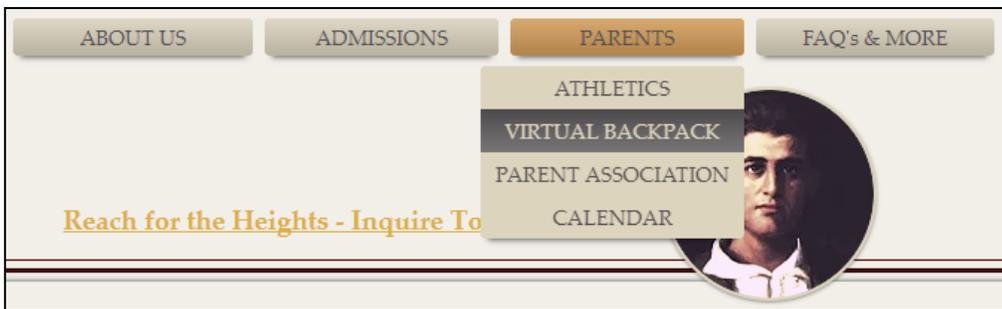
Scrip Cards Raise Money for Frassati, Provide Rebates for Families

By Emma Roberts

With the holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect time to purchase Frassati Catholic Academy's scrip cards! If you are unfamiliar with the scrip card program, "Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from retailers. With over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and home improvement."

Scrip cards are different than regular gifts cards because when the user buys their scrip card, a percentage of that money is given back to school. Families also receive a rebate that can help pay for tuition. Scrip cards make the perfect gifts because they allow you to buy personable gifts for your loved ones or Frassati's great teachers (see below), while raising money for our awesome school.

There are various ways families can purchase the cards. To order online, follow the directions provided on the Frassati web-



Virtual Backpack is under the "Parents" tab on the Frassati website: frassaticatholicacademy.org

site under the "Virtual Backpack" tab. Paper forms are also available at both campus offices. The final way to purchase scrip cards is by stopping by the campus office and purchasing the on-hand scrip cards which include Jewel-Osco, Target, Visa, Starbucks, Bath and Body Works, and more. See Frassati "Virtual Backpack" for a

full list.

Scrip cards are a great way to get gifts for Frassati's teachers. The deadline for purchasing Scrip gifts for teachers has been extended to December 8th (next Friday). See the "Staff Scrips" document in the Virtual Backpack for details, or contact the FFA program manager, Marcey Gaughan (marcey.gaughan@bcu.org) or Erin Gardner (erinmgardner2011@hotmail.com).

If you want to get your scrip cards in time for Christmas, orders are due by December 12th. Happy Shopping!

8th Grade Parent Committee Raises Funds for Dances, Trips

By Kyle Snyder & Darren Gorman

What does the 8th Grade Committee do? Well for starters it is a committee for the parents of 8th graders. The committee helps raise money for 8th grade activities including trips, dances and more. The committee helps donate prizes for all the school dances that the 8th grade hosts.

This committee does a lot for the eighth graders and has done so much in the past. In the past years the committee has raised money for the eighth grade Chicago trip. They also raised money one year so that the 8th grade dinner dance could be held at a Country Club. The committee meets about once a month to discuss what they will be doing next to raise money for the eighth grade class.

Student Council Collects Items

The Student council is compiling the following items:

- * Unscented Lotions
- * Cards
- * Puzzles
- * Board Games
- * Combs
- * Chapsticks
- * Hand sanitizers!
- * Puzzles
- * Soaps (Scented/Unscented)

See a student council member for details about where to turn in your donation items.



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Pier Giorgio Frassati Fun Facts

Did you know...?

Frassati's first miracle was the healing of Domenico Sellan in 1933. Domenico was suffering a spine disease that paralyzed him and put him near death when a priest gave him a prayer card of Frassati. He was miraculously healed and lived another 35 years.

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Shop More Than 50 Vendors at Santa Maria Christmas Crafts Fair

Reach for the Heights - "Verso l'alto!"
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Santa Maria Craft Fair

Christmas
Crafts
FAIR

December 2nd, 2017 - 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Parish Center - 151 N. Lincoln Ave, Mundelein

Catholic Academy parents like Mrs. McMurray, Mom of Mikey and Mason McMurray. They will be selling terrariums, Greeting Cards, and so much more! Other vendors will be selling jewelry, toys, and much more. So if you need help with find-

from every vendor's stand! This year's Christmas Craft Fair is at Santa Maria del Popolo's Parish Center! The times are 10:00 am until 4:00pm. Don't miss this awesome opportunity!

Proceeds from this event will benefit Frassati Catholic Academy. If you have questions, contact Robin Gonzalez (robin.m.gonzalez71@gmail.com).

By Stephanie Aquino

Did you know about the Christmas Craft Fair? The Christmas Craft Fair is tomorrow, December 2nd! There will be more than 50 vendors, including Frassati

ing a gift for Secret Santa, a gift for a friend or a loved one, the vendors got your presents!

There will also be dining at the Mistletoe Cafe, Pictures with Santa, and a special Raffle! The raffle will consist of one thing

Missions Supports Hurricane Relief in Houston

By Darren Gorman & Kyle Snyder

Last September the Frassati Catholic Academy Missions Committee had a bake sale to help support the victims who were affected by recent hurricane disasters. One school that the Missions Committee donated to was San Francisco Nativity Academy of Houston. The missions committee donated \$161.33 to this school because it was affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Missions Committee also sent a letter saying how sorry we are.

The Missions Committee always does things like this. The main goal of the Missions Committee is to help others. The Missions Committee, often just called "Missions", is still available to join. The leaders of this Committee are Juliana Soto - the president, Kyle Snyder - vice president,

Maddy Ledesma - secretary, and Angela Van Wiltenburg - publicity manager. So far the Missions Committee has held two bake sales, sent cards to the military, and will be caroling to seniors in December. The Missions Committee does a lot for others. If you're a Frassati Middle School student you are encouraged to join.



Missions officers hold up the thank you letter received from San Francisco Nativity Academy

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To get information about ad rates and other options, send an email to jp@frassaticatholicacademy.org.

8th Graders Shadow, Take Entrance Exams for High School

By Juliana Soto

The Frassati 8th graders won't be here for long as they are moving on to high school next year.

On Friday, November 3rd, most of the 8th graders went to Carmel Catholic High School for a Shadow Day, a day where 8th graders can accompany high schoolers to their classes throughout the day.

A week after, on Saturday, November 11, those who plan to go to Mundelein High School took a placement test, which

fits them into the class they belong depending on their knowledge of the subject. Less than a month later, the 8th graders who wish to attend Carmel must take the entrance exam on Saturday, December 2, tomorrow.

There also might be students who attend Wauconda High School this coming year. As their last year in middle school, the 8th graders are preparing for graduation at the end of the year. Everyone at Frassati wishes them the best of luck as they are moving forward to high school.



The Knights Of Columbus
Queen of Angels
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The Knights are celebrating 60 years in Wauconda this week and are proud to support Frassati Catholic Academy

We wish all of our school and parish families a happy Advent Season!



Upcoming Knights Events:

Free Throw Contest on Jan 20, 2018
Spelling Bee - Catholic Schools Week
Fish Fry - Fridays, starting Feb. 16

Entertainment Section

Frassati ELA Reading Assignment Arrives at Movie Theaters

Movie Review

By Ariane Rajcevic

The movie *Wonder* came out on November 17, 2017. It is rated PG and it is an 1 hour and 53 minute long movie. The movie is about a deformed 10 year old boy, named August Pullman, who is going to a “real” school for the first time since he was home schooled. He had 27 surgeries, so he couldn’t go to an actual school. The actors in *wonder* are, Jacob Tremblay, who plays August (Auggie) Pullman, Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson play the parents, Izabela Vidovic plays Via Pullman (who is August’s sister), and many others are in *Wonder*.

The movie is based on a book (with the same title) which the 6th grade gold ELA class happens to be reading this trimester. They are doing tests and discussing the book in class. Mrs. Ziegler and the class likes to think about how it would feel to be a character. For example, Auggie has a facial deformity. Mrs. Ziegler and the class would think about how it would feel to have a facial deformity and how it would feel to be Auggie. From reading the book in class, I have really connected to the book in many ways.

In my opinion, I thought the movie was great. One of the biggest things that I noticed, was that in the book there are “parts” which are like the different perspectives on people and how they think. In the movie, they had “parts”, but just not as many. I also saw that in the movie, they left out



photo by Abby Tekampe

6th Grade ELA students, Nick Cianci, Ariane Rajcevic, Marisa Abt & Kate Hill along with teacher, Mrs. Ziegler, pose with their reading assignment copies of *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio.

some parts from the book. They also didn’t make some scenes in the movie too dramatic as they made it seem in the book.

The *Wonder* movie really shows others that you shouldn’t be mean to others by the

way they look, because the person might be nice.

Overall, I think the *Wonder* movie was great. I definitely recommend others to go watch *Wonder*.

Justice League Unites Audiences More Than Critics

Movie Review

By Brianna Huner

On November 17th, 2017, the world was given the gift of a live action *Justice League* movie. The Justice League has been a prominent team in comic books, television shows, and even animated movie,, but this was the first time live actors portrayed the characters on the big screen.

The Superhero team first appeared in

1960, in the comic book series *The Brave and the Bold*. However, the original lineup in the comics was a bit different. The comics and the movies both have the Batman, Wonder Woman, Superman, Aquaman, and the Flash. But the comics have Green Lantern and the Martian Manhunter, whilst the movies have Cyborg.

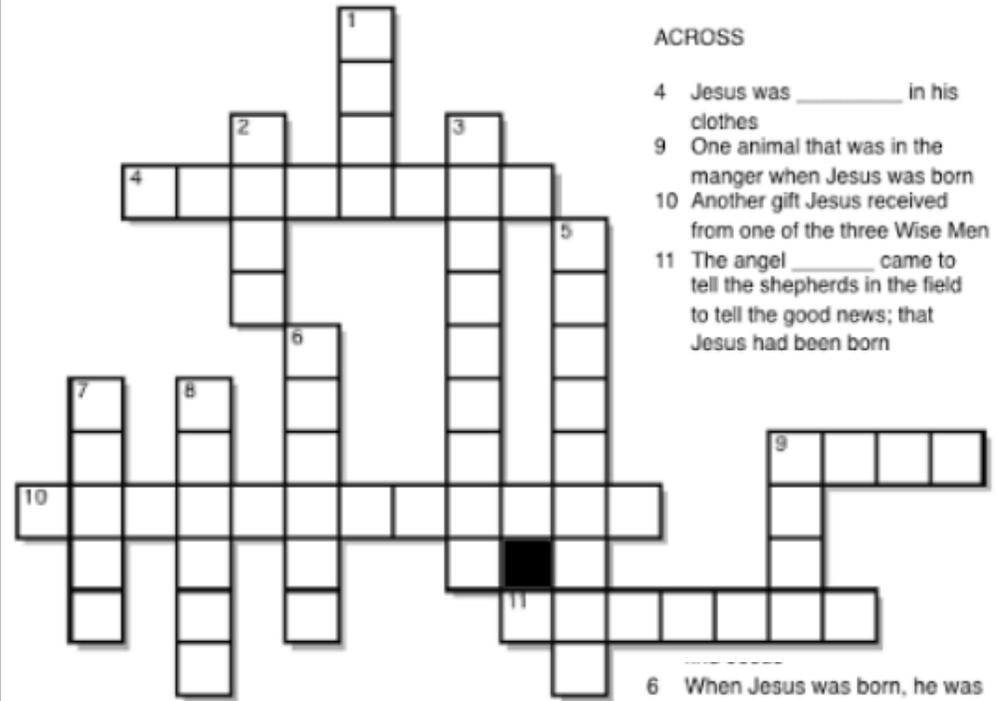
Justice League is, in some opinions, everything fans were hoping for. The characters are more true to their comic book selves. Batman still has his trademark seriousness, but uses some dark humor. Wonder Woman is still inspiring as ever, with her amazing fight scenes and good morals. Aquaman looks very different from other versions of himself, and possesses a different sense of humor as well. The Flash is hilarious (as usual.) Cyborg acts as he should, for a guy turned into a machine and stripped of his ability to be seen in public. Also, Lois Lane is there. (Lois is important because she, like me, is a journalist.)

The critics have mixed reactions. However, in the opinion of those whose job isn’t to view a film, this movie is a definite must-watch for anyone who enjoys action movies. It contains jaw-dropping fight scenes, hilarious moments, and an altogether great story.



Puzzles

Christmas Crossword by Angela Van Wiltenburg



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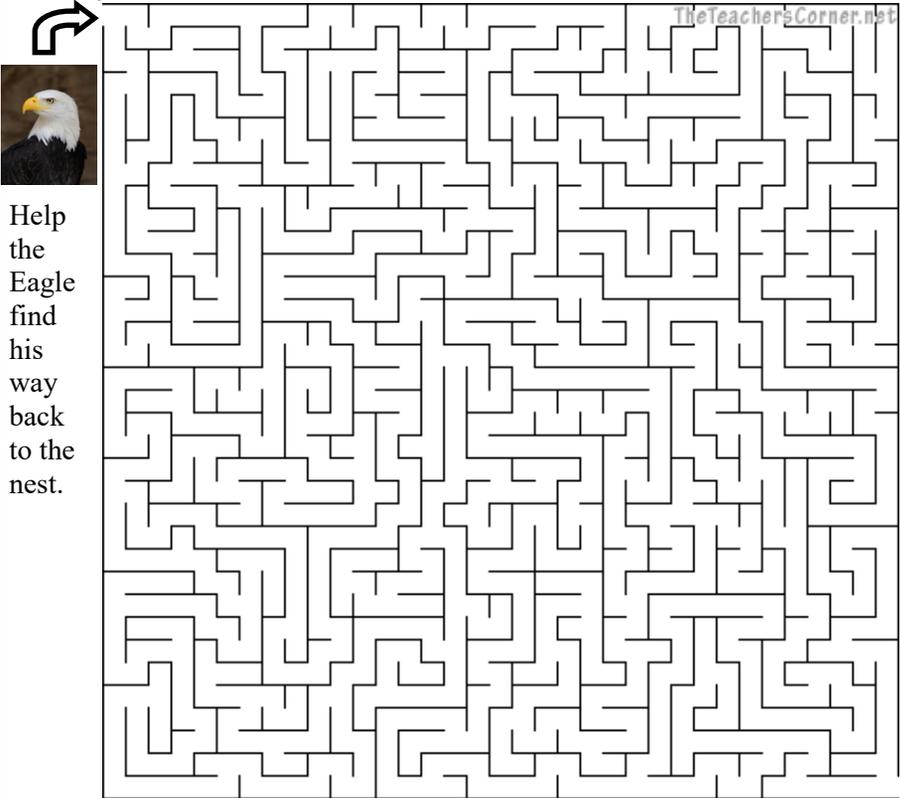
- 4 Jesus was _____ in his clothes
- 9 One animal that was in the manger when Jesus was born
- 10 Another gift Jesus received from one of the three Wise Men
- 11 The angel _____ came to tell the shepherds in the field to tell the good news; that Jesus had been born

DOWN

- 1 One gift Jesus had received from one of the Wise Men
- 2 Mother of baby Jesus
- 3 Where Jesus was born
- 5 The Wise Men followed this to find Jesus
- 6 When Jesus was born, he was called the _____
- 7 The third gift Jesus received from one of the Wise Men
- 8 Mary and Joseph rode this animal to get to Bethlehem
- 9 Some of the main Christmas story was found in the book of _____

Clues

Crazy Maze by Angelica Puga



Help the Eagle find his way back to the nest.

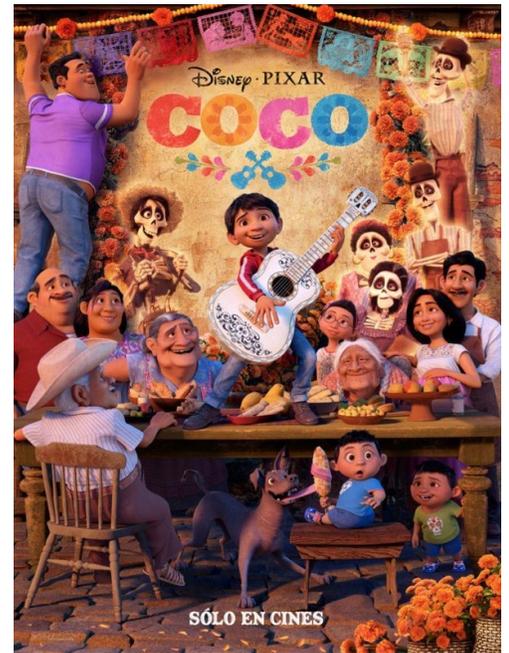
Coco Celebrates Mexican Culture

Movie Review
By Diego Prado

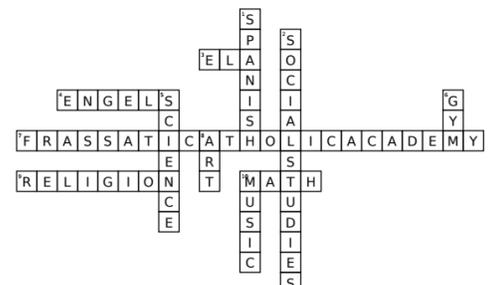
The movie *Coco* is based on the Mexican holiday, "Dia De Los Muertos (Day Of The Dead)". During this day people put up ofrendas or offerings for loved ones who have passed away because it is believed that they are come back for one day to visit loved ones.

I thought it was a great movie and liked that it was based around Mexican culture. While there are many references that only Mexicans may understand (chorizo, the chancla, Cantinflas, etc) anyone who sees the movie will love it. The movie has the message of never forgetting your loved ones who have passed away, the importance of family and fighting for your dreams.

Coco was released in Mexico on October 27 and in the US on November 22. It has already become the highest grossing movie in Mexican history and has an average 4.7 rating by critics. I give it 5 stars!



Last Issue Crossword Answer Key



Eagles Sports Corner

7th Grade Boys Basketballers Get Into Foul Trouble vs St Joe

By Juliana Soto

On Monday, November 27, the boys basketball teams had their games against St. Joseph Catholic School from Libertyville. After the 6th grade game at 6:00 pm, the 7th grade game started at 7 o'clock.

After only seven seconds, a player with a black uniform from St. Joe scores. After about a minute, St. Joe's scores again. A player from St. Joe took a foul from Frassati's Andy Sierra, and took two free throw shots. Luckily, he only made the first basket. Andy fouled again and this time, the St. Joe's player missed both shots. Like Andy, Jackson Ori committed a foul and the St. Joe's shooter only made the first free throw out of two. Black was fouled again, by Jackson, and the opposing player made both free throws.

At the ninth minute, St. Joe's makes two baskets adding four points to their score. Two minutes later, Frassati's Jack Glasnovich was shoved to the ground while he had the ball in his hands, but he was called for traveling. Jack later made two baskets within that minute and another one at minute 12. Two minutes later, FCA's Jonah Lazaro makes a basket. Within the same minute, St. Joe's shoots and scores. Then, a player from St. Joe's put up a shot at the basket and was fouled. Unfortunately, the ball went in the basket, so he was given one free throw shot which he made for a 3 point play.

Another St. Joe's player made a basket in the same minute. Then four minutes passed without any baskets made before half time arrived.

Fifty seconds after the second half started, an opposing player made a basket. Two minutes later, Frassati's Felix Castillo puts up a shot but doesn't make it in because the ball got stuck between the rim and the backboard. In minute 23, Jack Glasnovich made a basket and did so again in minute 25. St. Joseph made another basket a minute later, but Jack made a come-back scoring a basket for his team. St. Joe's toughened up and scored again in the same minute, a couple seconds later.

Like before, the black jersey player



Andy Sierra, No. 42, takes a jump shot during the 7th Grade game vs St Joe-Libertyville on Nov 17 at the Frassati PLC.

Photo by Juliana Soto

shoots and makes the basket, but gets one free throw shot, which he makes, because he was fouled before the ball went in the basket in minute 27. One minute later, St. Joe's scores and again in minutes 30 and 32. One minute before the game ends, Jonah makes takes a shot and makes it in leaving the score—Frassati 16 and St. Joseph 35. Although the boys lost, they said had fun playing the game.



Game &
Meet
Results

Boys Basketball (middle school)

11/17: 6th Gr (Trny) vs ? - L
11/17: 6th Gr (Trny) vs ? - W
11/18: 6th Gr (Trny) vs ? - L
*Eagles take 4th Place in the Tournament

11/27: 6th Grade vs St Joe-Lib - n/a
11/27: 7th Grade vs St Joe-Lib- L 16-35
11/27: 8th Grade vs St Joe-Lib- n/a

Upcoming Games/Meets

12/2: BBB (5th Wauc) vs St Gilbert @St Joe
12/2: BBB (5th Mund) vs St Annie @St Joe

12/5: BBB (6th-8th) @ PoP
12/9: BBB (5th Mund) vs St Bede @OLH
12/9: BBB (5th Wauc) vs PoP @OLH

12/12: BBB (6th-8th) vs OLH, 6:00pm
12/13: BBB (6th-8th) @ St Joe-Lib, 5:30pm

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Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 3rd 8am - 12pm

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4 & under: FREE 5 - 10: \$6.00 11 & up: \$9.00

Ham on the bone, French toast bake, eggs with diced ham, pork sausage, hash browns, biscuits n gravy, fresh fruits, many different Christmas cookies, and much more...