

Confirmation Practice

Confirmation practice is scheduled for January 9 from 1:30-3:00. Please come to Connor Hall a little earlier to check in so that practice can begin promptly. This practice is for the Confirmation Candidate and their sponsor. If a sponsor is unable to attend, one parent must accompany the candidate.

Choir at Blackberry Farm

Our choir will be singing at Blackberry Farm on Friday, December 11 beginning at 6:15. Admission to the park for *Holiday Express* is only \$5 per person. Please consider joining us for this special event.

Recess

With the change in weather, we are using the front parking lot for recess. Please refrain from parking in our lot from 11:20-12:00 each day.

We are also in need of a portable basketball hoop. If you have one that you'd like to donate, we'd be happy to take it off your hands. Please email Mrs. DuVall at tammyduvall@comcast.net.

Dress Down Day

The schoolchildren donated \$527 to Children's Tumor Foundation from our recent dress down day. Thank you.

ECHOES OF ANGELS



Faculty & Staff Christmas Collection

Are you stuck on an idea of what to get your child's favorite teacher? Are you tired of checking out Pinterest looking for a cute idea? Would you like to give something to all the people behind the scenes who make our school work so well but your budget can't sustain such generosity? Then consider donating to the Home & School's annual Christmas collection for our faculty and staff. It is a simple and easy way to show your support for our very deserving and very underpaid :) staff. Donations are collected from our generous parents and all the money is then divided amongst all our staff as a Merry Christmas present from all. Donations can be sent to the office, and your child can color a gift tag. Thank you in advance for your support!

STEM Updates

After visiting several schools using STEM in their curriculum,



ACC Placement Exam

Aurora Central Catholic is pleased to welcome eighth grade students for the placement exam on Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 AM. The placement exam must be taken at ACC on this day in order to qualify for many scholarships. Students are asked to arrive at 7:45. The exam will begin promptly at 8:00 and conclude at approximately 11:45. No pre-registration is needed, and the exam fee is \$30. During the exam, parents are invited to a Q & A session with Father Etheridge from 8:00-9:30.

Baseball Bootcamp

Kick off your Christmas break with the Marmion baseball players and coaches! Coach Frank Chapman along with the Marmion baseball coaching staff will once again be holding a *Baseball Bootcamp* for 5th-8th graders, December 28-30 in the Regole Field House at Marmion. This bootcamp is open to baseball players who would like to kick-start the 2016 season with a preseason camp designed to give him the skills, drills, and workout necessary to take his game up a notch. For more information or to register for the bootcamp, please go to www.marmion.org.



our STEM committee believes that *Project Lead the Way* offers the best curriculum for our students. It is an exciting approach to learning that involves direct teacher instruction, collaboration amongst students, hands-on learning, and integrating science, technology, engineering, and math principles to solve real world problems. Be sure to check out their website (www.pltw.org) for more information about what your children will be learning in the very near future.

We have also decided that we will create a STEM lab in our building that will house our supplies, technology, and afford students the opportunity to work in cooperative groups. In addition, we have hired Dr. Tom Jackson as our STEM facilitator. Dr. Jackson currently teaches at Aurora University and has for several years taught education classes here in our building through our partnership with Aurora University. We are fortunate that he has been offered the opportunity to retire early from AU and wants to lead us in our new STEM endeavor. What he would most like parents to know about him is that he looks forward to sharing his faith with our students as he teaches them STEM. God is so good...not only in finding us a well-qualified STEM teacher but one who is also Catholic!

Next Week

Monday -

Tuesday - Band Concert 6:30

Wednesday -

Thursday - Choir Concert 6:30

Friday - Mass 8:15

