

DAMIANSVILLE

E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

Newsletter

December 2017

Important Dates

This month:

12/1- Vision & Hearing re-screen
12/12- Pizza Hut night
12/14- Christmas Concert- 7 pm
12/18- Board Meeting 7 pm
12/21- End of Q2- dismissal 1:45
12/22-1/3- Christmas Break- no school

Next month:

1/3- Teacher Institute- no school
1/4- School resumes
1/11- PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
1/15- No School- MLK Birthday
1/16- Board meeting 7 pm

Please note that we will dismiss at **1:45 on Thursday, December 21**. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Lunch Accounts

Balance information will be sent home with students on the 1st and 16th of each month. We ask that families keep a positive balance as much as possible, and send in payments promptly. If you do not receive your statement, need current information, or have any questions, please contact the office.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Tournaments

The Varsity girls' basketball team will play in the conference tournament the week of December 4 at Mater Dei. The Varsity boys' tournament is the week of December 11 at Central. Good luck!

Talent Show

The Sixth Annual Junior High Talent Show will be Thursday,

December 21. Junior high students interested in participating should sign up by December 8. As always, parents and families are invited to attend this fun showcase of talent.

Toy Drive

It's time once again for our annual toy drive! We will be collecting *NEW* toys from through December 8, to be distributed by the BCMW to families in need. Thank you for your help making someone's holiday brighter.

Candy Canes

The Student Council will be selling candy canes on Tuesday, December 19, for 25¢ each. Get yourself and your friends some candy canes and help support the Student Council!

PTO News

Our next Pizza Hut night will be Tuesday, Dec 12. Slips will be sent home closer to the date.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Thurs, January 11 @ 6:30. It will be held in Mr. Hollenkamp's room. Everyone is invited.

There will be a movie night on Fri, Jan 12. More information will be sent out after Christmas break.

There is still an opening for Vice-President. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Meridith Hunter at 618-978-2906.

Lynch Creek Farm Christmas Decorations

The Lynch Creek Farm fundraiser is currently underway. You can purchase *fresh* Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, garland, and much more to decorate

your home or give as gifts. Items can be shipped to your home or an address of your choice. Go to lynchcreekfundraising.com and click on "Find a Fundraiser." Search for Damiansville PTO in the Campaign Name. It's that easy and the PTO earns 20% of all items sold. Orders can be placed through **December 17**.

Community Giving Tree:

There is an opportunity for families in the community to help those less fortunate during the holiday season. St. Damian Church is the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks for children, teens, ladies and men. The items will be donated to the BCMW Organization in Breese and given out as Christmas presents to local families through BCMW which serves Bond, Clinton, Marion & Washington Counties. Please hang your donations on the "Giving Tree" which is located in the gathering space inside church. The Giving Tree will be set up through December 10. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for many people! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

Youth Choir News

The St. Damian Youth Choir will sing for the Christmas Eve mass on Sunday, Dec 24, at 4:00pm (Please note earlier mass time). Those who have been practicing on Sundays for the past several weeks should please be in your places in the church balcony by 3:30pm on Christmas Eve. Contact Jackie Toennies at 335-9562 or Geri Varel at 248-5223 if anyone has any questions. 'Tis the season to "Make a Joyful Noise!"

