

Picture Retake Day: Lifetouch Photography will be here on Friday morning, November 30th for picture remakes. Anyone who needs his/her picture retaken needs to contact the office before that date. Anyone who was absent on picture day may have individual pictures taken on November 30th.

Santa Shoppe (K-5): Thursday, December 6th: This is an opportunity for your students to buy Christmas gifts ranging from 25 cents to \$12 for immediate family. The gifts will come home wrapped and labelled ready to go under the tree. Please return the envelopes with the money on or before December 6th. If you send a check, make it payable to St. Mary PTO. We are still in need of adult help for this day. If you are able to help, please contact Beth Haas at 270-210-5420.

Santa Shoppe for Preschool: On Thursday, December 6th, an adult from your family may accompany your preschool student to the Santa Shoppe to purchase Christmas presents for family members. The gifts range in price from 25 cents to \$12. The gifts will be wrapped and labelled and ready to go under the tree. The store will be open for preschool families from 8:15 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. You may pay with cash or checks made payable to St. Mary PTO. Please note: The school will not be taking preschool students to visit Santa Shoppe. Preschool students will only visit if an adult from home comes to go with them.

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 8th: Partners in Education (PIE) will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa event on December 8th from 9 to 11 a.m. Please return the form sent home in the envelopes this week if you plan on attending to help us purchase the right amount of supplies. All are welcome; even those who forget to R.S.V.P. Donations will be collected at the door. Thank you to the preschool parents for organizing this for us.

Christmas Program: Preschool through 5th grade will entertain us on the evening of December 17th, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. Mark your calendars!

Food Drive: As a school system, we will participate in the Paducah Power System Food Drive for Schools. We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishables which will be distributed between Family Services, Salvation Army, Paducah Cooperative Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul. The last day for food collection will be December 12th.

Toy Drive: We also will be collecting toys for children. These toys are given to the Knights of Columbus who distribute them to children in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

December 19th Dismissal: There is no afterschool care on Wednesday, December 19th for preschool or for K-5. School is dismissed at 11 a.m., and the school will close for the holidays at that time. School will reopen on Thursday, January 3rd.

May your family receive the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love in this Advent Season. *St. Mary Elementary Faculty and Staff*