

Thursday Mail 12/10/20

Dear Parents,

Christmas break is fast approaching! Teachers have fun holiday activities planned for next week. There is also one more week in the St. Zachary's Twelve Days of Christmas! See details in today's email attachment.

- **Teachers' Christmas Gift Program:** Thank you for your generosity. Should anyone still wish to contribute you may still send in a donation tomorrow.
- **Tomorrow is St. Zachary Family T-shirts day!** Jeans are allowed.
- **Remote Learners:** May pick up their t-shirts from the bins located in front of school.
- **Jr. High Book Swap:** All ELA classes will need a new novel after Christmas during the remote learning period. Another "Book Swap" is scheduled for the week of 12/14-12/18. Students who are in person during the week leading up to Christmas break will receive a new book in class. Anyone who is at home during that week can come to school to pick up the new book. Books will be in the basket in front of the main school doors. Just take the new book and leave the old one.
- **Remote learning:** Just a reminder that St. Zachary School, as well as all other Archdiocese of Chicago schools, will go to full remote learning for the two-week period following Christmas break. Students will all do remote learning from January 4th – 15th. There is **No School on Monday, 1/18/21** in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. In-person learning will resume on Tuesday, January 19th. Teachers will begin to distribute materials next week. More details will follow. Students in first grade and up will have devices for home use during the remote period. Students in Preschool and Kindergarten may use a home device. Please contact Mrs. Potenza if your student does not have a device available for use at home.
- **Childcare during remote learning:** Please see the letter in today's email from Mrs. Potenza about limited child care available during the remote session. Please contact Mrs. Potenza at dpotenza@saintzachary.org by Monday, 12/14 if you need your child placed on the list.
- **Volunteers needed:** Volunteers are needed to help check-in people and clean for the Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve at 4:00, 7:00, 9:00 PM (Polish), midnight and Christmas Day at 9:00, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Polish). Please contact Mrs. Potenza for more information.

Finally, we are happy to share our recent good news! St. Zachary School received an \$8,000 grant from the **Edward and Wanda Jordan Foundation**. The proceeds of this grant were used to purchase 27 new Chromebooks which are being distributed to our students. We are very grateful to this foundation.

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Zachary School Office

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