

† ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

“His Banner Over Us Is Love”

Dear St. Lawrence School Families,

Advent is finally here, and the excitement is building at St. Lawrence School as we prepare to celebrate the start of the Christmas season! During Advent, St. Lawrence School will be devoting each week to praying for different people in our community in connection with our service activities so far this year. During the first week, prayers will be directed toward the hungry, especially those for whom we collected canned goods for in September. During the second week, we will concentrate on clothing the poor, keeping in mind the students at the local Rochester City School who we brought in warm clothing for and all those who are poor and in need. The prayers during the third week will center on our own families, their well-being and our gratitude for them. These prayers will be said during morning program each day as we light the Advent Candles.

Everyone had so much fun watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at St. Lawrence School's First Family Movie Night on Friday. I would like to thank our Parent Involvement Committee Chair, Rachel Chwiecko and all of our parent involvement committee volunteers for helping to put this event together for our school community. We are looking forward to more family night events throughout the school year.

Gavin Grillo (4th Grade) won the Principal for the Day prize at the Walkathon this year and served as honorary principal today here at St. Lawrence School. Gavin led our morning program, made important announcements on the PA system, had lunch with me, and led dismissal at the end of the school day. I would like to congratulate Gavin for doing such an excellent job as our principal for the day!

Our school completely filled our Tree of Thanks and Giving with warm clothing for local Rochester City School children in need. Thank you to everyone who brought in new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and gently used coats for the tree. I would like to thank our Outreach Committee Members: Mrs. Cilano, Mrs. Fraser, and Mrs. Uttaro for organizing this service activity and helping our school community give back to those in need during the holiday season.

Last week, the New York State Troopers Troop E presented a \$2500 donation to the AJ Sperr Scholarship Fund. Troop E has an Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Trooper A.J. Sperr. AJ attended St. Lawrence School along with his 10 brothers and sisters. It was an honor to meet the state troopers and speak with AJ's parents, Andy and Jean Sperr during the presentation. This amazing donation will allow us to assist families who dream of providing a Catholic School education for their children.

There will be an 11:00 AM dismissal on Thursday, December 7th and no school on Friday, December 8th for our Parent Teacher Conferences. Please make sure that you have made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, and I look forward to seeing you all attend.

Our annual Barnes and Noble Night will be tonight, Tuesday, December 5th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Barnes and Noble in the Mall at Greece Ridge. The evening will be filled with fun activities for students and families to take part in. We are all excited about this event, and I hope to see you there to show your support for St. Lawrence School's library program.

I hope you are all having a pleasant and peaceful start to your week. As always, thank you for all that you do for our students!

God Bless,

Frank Arvizzigno
Principal

NYS Troop E. along with Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Sperr presenting a check to the AJ Sperr Scholarship Fund.



Barnes & Noble Night 5-8pm	12/5
Walkathon Shirt Wednesday	12/6
Lunch orders and payments due	12/7
11am Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conf.	12/7
No School – Parent/Teacher Conf.	12/8
Santa's Secret Shop	12/12-12/13
Christmas Concert 1pm, 7pm	12/14
Breakfast With Santa 9:30am-11am	12/16
December Birthday Lunch	12/21
Christmas Mass-Dress Up Day! 8:30am	12/22
Christmas Break – No School	12/25-1/1
Quiet School Mass 8:30am	1/3
Walkathon Wednesday	1/3

Reminders From The Office

All lunch orders and payments are due Thursday, 12/7.

We are still looking for volunteers for Santa's Secret Shop. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Smola at debbiesmola@aol.com. All monetary donations can be sent to the main office.

Our Breakfast With Santa is Saturday, 12/16. If you plan on attending, please send in your RSVP to the main office as soon as possible.

Today's Envelope includes:
Santa's Secret Shop Information

Our Principal For The Day, Gavin Grillo!

