Jan 5, 2017

Dear Crusader Families,

Happy New Year!

We have so much to celebrate and cherish. The staff would like to thank you for the treats, time and your devotion to our school community to make it as great as it is. I guess we impressed Mr. Pomerleau on how great our little gem of a school is. Over vacation, he sent his second donation of $60,000 ! We are on our way to making great changes to our building, playground, academic resources, and securing our future with our scholarship fund and endowment.

**Winter Recess** – all students go outside daily and must have proper winter apparel. This includes weatherproof mittens, boots, hats and a winter jacket.

**March for Life** Washington DC– you are invited to make your voices heard. Come join the bus ride to Washington DC. It will leave Thursday night from Burlington on Jan 26 and return late Jan 28. This bus ride will cost $75, however the school will sponsor ½ your cost to represent us. This is a parent with child trip**. In order for your child to go, they must be chaperoned by their parent**. This does not include meals. Registration is required at [www.vtcatholic.org](http://www.vtcatholic.org) . They will leave immediately after school on Thursday to be in Burlington by 6:00.

If staying in Vermont is more your style…the annual Rally for Life will kick off in Montpelier at 10:45AM. Participants need to line up behind City Hall on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Signs and banners will be provided.

**Winter Activities** have been organized for six Fridays this winter. The lunch calendar states we are going tomorrow, however, our first outing will be Jan 20. Due to the mix up in the schedule, all Fridays will be cold lunch until April. Chaperones are needed to carpool to Burke on Fridays. Safe and Sacred must be taken prior to being responsible for students. If you need access to a computer, please let us know and you can take the online training right here at school. 10-15 chaperones are needed to make the Burke trip happen. Please check your schedule and let us know if you are able to go. The alternative on Jan 20 is Swimming at St Johnsbury Academy and hiking at the Rec Center. Please remember that these outings are a privilege. We do have **high** expectations for our students. Academics and misbehavior could be grounds for remaining at school in academic study. Permission slips and sign ups are needed for every trip with payment. Enclosed you will find the sign up for either Burke or swimming. Please return these tomorrow.

**Progress reports** are enclosed if teachers felt the need to express a notice. Not all students will receive a report. This is a great time to make adjustments to academics if needed.

**Save the Date:**

Jan 13- Closed for Teacher Training

Jan 16 – closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day

Jan 28-29 Catholic Schools week, kicks off with weekend masses. Please wear your uniform to mass proudly.

Jan 30 Monday – Community Luncheon. Students will invite 2 non-parent community members to join us are school between 11-1PM. Please help them think of 2 honored guests. We need 4 more volunteers from 9:00 AM – 2:00PM. Please coordinate with Mimi at 525-3711. Food assignments will be requested by grade.

Feb 2 – Open House 5:30-6:30PM Meet and Greet, preceded with a 5:00 Mass at St Paul’s Church.

Feb 27-March 2 Vacation. (Note : WE ARE IN SESSION MONDAY AND TUESDAY March 6, 7- unlike Public schools)