



## DECEMBER 2009 NOTES

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving last week. It is hard to believe that there are only 3 ½ more weeks until Christmas. The school is quite busy preparing for our Christmas journey through the Nativity Icon "Do You See What I See?" I wish you all and your family lots of joy and happiness during this blessed Advent season.

### ❖ **December Coffee Talk**

Last month I held a "Coffee Talk" for parents to come and sit and chat about topics in their lives and families. I will be holding another chat on **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 – 10:15 am**. The topic we will discuss is *The Holiday Season*. I hope that you can join us – please let me know if you will be attending. The articles for this month include: Bless Children with Gifts that Money Can Never Buy & Learning That's Hands-On Holiday Fun. I will have more articles over the next few weeks that apply to this topic as well.

### ❖ **Enrollment for 2009-2010 School Year**

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year were due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to "lock-in" your space please be sure to return your application by Monday, 11/30/09. Any application received after that date will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis with all new students.

### ❖ **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Twice each year we hold parent/teacher conferences. This year on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, **we will be closed**, to allow for teachers to meet with parents to go over your child's progress report. There will be a sign up sheet outside your child's classroom starting in late November. Please sign up for a time between 8:30 and 12:00 that works best for you and your family. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher. If you cannot make this time, please be sure to schedule another time! Thank you.

### ❖ **Hat and Mitten Drive**

Starting this week you will find a new addition outside the classrooms – a Mitten Tree. There are many families in Needham that receive aid from the Needham Food Pantry/Community Council. They are in need this winter of new Hats & Mittens for children and adults. We are teaching the children about giving to others who are in need through the story, *The Mitten Tree*. We would appreciate any new hat and mitten donations that you are able to provide. We will be delivering the hats and mittens to the Community Council on Monday, 12/21/09. Thank you in advance for helping us support such a wonderful cause this holiday season.

### ❖ **Scholastic Book Orders**

December Firefly and SeeSaw orders are due back by Thursday, 12/10/09. Checks are made payable to Scholastic Book Club or place your order on-line at [www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering) (user name & password are case-sensitive)

**Class User Name:** TheophanySchool

**Password:** school

Orders will arrive back before Christmas break.

### ❖ **Inclement Weather**

With no snow in sight, I thought I should inform you all of the inclement weather procedures and just a few reminders for this winter, with the hopes that we will actually get snow this winter at some point:

In cases of inclement weather, the following policy will prevail for  
Theophany School:

**If the Needham Public Schools close or delay their opening,  
then Theophany School will be closed.**

There may also be other times that Theophany School will close regardless of Needham Public Schools or due to other weather related reasons. A decision for closing Theophany School will be made by 7:00 am for that day, and you can check either the website for a notice or the voice mail here at the school (781-444-3058). The sources of information for "No School" announcements for Needham Public Schools are your local radio and television stations.

- ❖ Please bring labeled snowsuits/snow pants, boots, hats & mittens for your child to wear during outside play each day when there is any snow on the ground and also for cold temperatures.
- ❖ During the winter season, you will notice many days that the cones are not out in the parking lot. At this time, you may park in the lower lot. Please be cautious of slippery pavement, and of children walking from their car into the school.

## ❖ **Theophany Day Celebration**

On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Theophany School will be CLOSED in honor of our feast day. Everyone is welcome to join us for liturgy and coffee hour on **Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** at:  
St. George Orthodox Church  
6 Atwood Avenue  
Norwood, MA 02062

Fr. Joseph Kimmett (father of 2 Theophany alumnae) is the Priest of this parish. Liturgy will begin at 6:00 pm with coffee hour to follow. We hope that all of our students and their families can come join us.

## ❖ **Dates to Remember:**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>:** Applications due back to "lock-in" space

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** CLOSED – Parent/Teacher Conferences

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Joe Corbi's Pizza/Cookie Dough **Pickup at 1:00pm**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 12:00 pm Early Release for all students

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>:** CLOSED – Christmas Break

**January 5<sup>th</sup>:** Theophany Celebration Liturgy at St. George Norwood  
Time – 6:00pm

**January 6<sup>th</sup>:** CLOSED - Theophany Day

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** CLOSED – Martin Luther King Day

## \*\*\*\*\*WISH LIST\*\*\*\*\*

napkins

plastic spoons

Hand sanitizer

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to see me. Thank you for all of your support. We appreciate it!