

Upcoming Events

Project North Pole Collection:
12/1-12/17 @ both campuses

Robotics Practice:
12/1 11am-3pm @ John Bapst,
both teams invited

PTFO Meeting:
12/3 @ St. Mary's Campus
after morning prayer

Basketball Game:
12/3 3:30 @ Dedham, girls
first

**Baby Shower for Mary/ Feast
of the Immaculate
Conception:**
12/5 Joint Mass @ St. Johns
Church

**Robotics Clean Up - Help
Needed:**
12/7 3pm-5pm @ St. Johns
Campus

**Parents Night Out/Kids Fun
Night:**
12/7 6-9pm

Second Saturday Tutoring:
12/8 9am-12pm @ St Johns
Campus

Robotics Practice:
12/8 11am-3pm @ John Bapst,
both teams invited

Basketball Home Game:
12/10 3:30pm @UMA

Robotics Meet:
12/15 All Day @ Foxcroft
Academy

Christmas Concert:
12/19 6pm @ Bangor High
School Peakes Auditorium

Thankfulness

As we move deeper into the holiday season it is important to continue to refocus on being grateful and thankful for all that God has provided. In America we have the highest standard of living in history, but we often are driven for more, better and faster. We can find ourselves bored, unfocused and disillusioned. The problem is that we have lost a gift called gratitude.

The Bible urges us to maintain a spirit of thanksgiving each day. God doesn't need our thanks for this gift he has provided us. However, giving thanks to God each day realigns our hearts. Acknowledging God as the Source of all things frees us from the belief that we don't need Him.

By encouraging thankfulness each day, we can become truly dependent on God, as joy is found by giving, helping and loving one another. The more thankful we are, the closer we are to God, our family and friends.

A Family Memory Verse can be found in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

For a more in-depth study on a spirit of thankfulness and gratitude, read these Bible verses:



Psalm 100:1-5
Philippians 4:4-12
Colossians 3:15-17
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Hebrews 12:28

God bless you and your family this holiday season.

Mr. Houghton, Principal

Attic Thrift Store

The Attic will be open on Saturdays in December from 10 am to 2pm. We are still in need of volunteers for Saturday shifts. You can sign up here, or by contacting either campus office.



Two Opportunities for Giving



Baby Shower for Mary

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Joint Mass at St. John's Church on 12/5 at 9:30 a.m.

In addition to celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a joint Mass, we honor Our Blessed Mother by having a baby shower. Unwrapped baby shower gifts are collected at Mass and donated to the Shepard's Godparent Home for young women who are pregnant and in crisis.



Below are a list of items they have expressed as a need this year:

- Batteries, cleaning items, furniture polish, Ziploc storage bags gallon and sandwich size, Ziploc storage containers, k-cups, individually wrapped snack foods, bath towels, laundry detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, conditioner, pens, colored pencils, dish clothes, Clorox wipes, toilet paper, dishwasher tablets.



- Diapers in all sizes up to size 6, wipes, (*they do not need lotion or shampoo at this time*)

- Baby books, baby toys, baby bottles, baby spoons, wipe warmers.

- For the toddlers: books, dvds and developmental toys, potty seat to go on to the toilet, puzzles.



- They have two pregnant women right now, one is expecting a baby girl in March and the other doesn't know the gender yet.

- Girl size 3t a boy size 6/7 (youth), a girl size 9 months, a girl size 6/9 months, a girl 0/3 months, a boy size 7/8 (youth), a girl size 7 (youth), twins a boy and a girl 6 months, boy size 3t , a boy size 6/9 months, a boy size 3/6 months, a girl size 3t/4t, a girl size 2t.

Project North Pole 12/1-12/17

With our help, every resident of Phillips-Strickland will find a stocking hanging on his or her room door Christmas morning! We are asking each grade to bring an item to school. Our fourth grade students will assist Phillips-Strickland with making the Christmas stockings. Families with students in more than one grade may select which item to purchase. Phillips-Strickland asks that all products be low or fragrant free due to allergies. Grades are asked to donate from the following recommendations:

Pre-K – Toothpaste, Knick Knacks, Small stuffed animals (they love little stuffed things!)

Kindergarten – Aftershave, liquid hand soap, bar soap (basic Ivory is good for many!)

Grade 1 – Necklaces... plastic beaded/costume style is fine

Grade 2 – Plastic soap containers, shampoo & conditioner, body wash (any kinds but Ivory is popular)

Grade 3 – Small note pads, small boxed tissues, hand sanitizer

Grade 4 – Body powder (nothing too strong smelling), aftershave, chapstick

Grade 5 – body/hand lotions (nothing too strong smelling), seasonal items to hang, denture cream

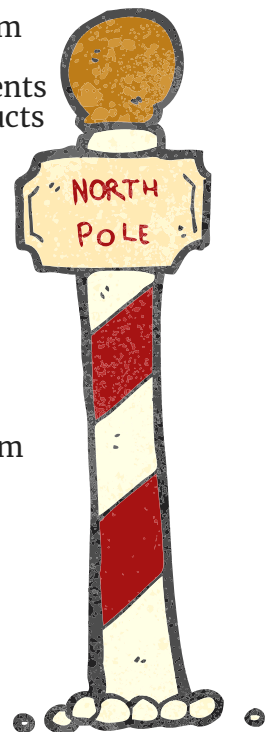
Grade 6 – Lapel pins, hairnets, pens

Grade 7 – Writing tablets, envelopes, pencils

Grade 8 – Hand held mirrors, small to medium picture frames, music cd's (variety), nail polish

One item that all classes could bring is a small flashlight with batteries for the residents to use in emergencies.

All donations have to be at school by December 17th. Students may bring their donations to their classroom teacher.



School Activities/Clubs

Robotics Team Updates:

Please note the following dates for the Robotics Team:

December 1 and 8: 11-3pm Robotics Practice at John Bapst High School (both teams invited).

December 7: Clean up of ASCS space for new robotics field. After school from 3-5. ASCS parent help needed.

December 15th: Robotics Meet at Foxcroft Academy. All Day Event.