

# Montessori Monthly Memo

From the Desk of the Director — Lora Hoelting

## What's Been Happening....

- **Back in the Swing of Things:** We were so happy to see all the children returning and falling right into their normal school routine after the holidays. Everyone is working hard and the pre-kindergarten students are diligently learning their letters and practicing beginning language skills.
- **Label Your Child's Personal Items:** We are still noticing that a number of jackets, backpacks, and lunch boxes do not have a child's name on them. Please label your child's personal items so that we can make sure it gets back home with the right child.

## What's Happening Now....

- **WinterFest :** You don't want to miss out on this adult evening of food, fellowship, and FUN! On January 28th the school and parish is hosting our annual WinterFest Celebration to kick off *Catholic Schools Week* and to auction off the class projects. This is a great opportunity to build friendships and help raise money for our school. There are a limited number of tickets being printed.....if you don't have your tickets yet, please call or email me and I'll send some home in your child's backpack. At WinterFest you will have the opportunity to buy chances for a raffle, participate in a silent auction, and — BEST OF ALL— you will be able to purchase an arts-n-craft project made by *your child*. This "FUN"raiser usually brings in between \$30,000 to \$40,000 for our school. We hope you will make plans to find a babysitter, come enjoy the evening and make some new friends!!
- **N.U.T. Day to Benefit Make a Wish:** Your child has the opportunity to help a child's wish come true. N.U.T. stands for No Uniform Today! Your child can bring \$2.00 and on Wednesday, Jan. 25th they can wear clothing of their choice (as long as it's appropriate for school). This is completely voluntary. Students who do not participate should wear their regular school uniform that day.

## What Will be Happening....

- **Catholic Schools Week:** National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." St. Mary's school will observe the annual celebration week by kicking it off with our WinterFest Celebration as well as other activities for students, families, and community members. See the principal's Wednesday notes for details. Through these events, our school will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.



- **Class Projects Live Auction and Individual Student Arts & Crafts Items:** Below is a look at the projects that our Montessori room parents and students created. Hope you will come to WinterFest and bid on one of these to have a cherished possession from your child's time in Montessori. Also, you will have the opportunity to purchase a personal Arts & Crafts item made by *your child*. All the money from the event goes directly to our school.

### Live Auction Projects



### Individual Arts & Crafts

