

# Montessori Monthly Memo

From the Desk of the Director — Lora Hoelting

## What's Been Happening....

- **Drive Line Changes:** First and foremost, thank you so much for all the cooperation you have given us as we transitioned into the safer dismissal procedures. I know there were a few confusing kinks along the way, but we really appreciate you sticking with it and helping it run so smoothly. All the Montessori teachers are very impressed with how well the new system is going. Let's keep it up!
- **Montessori Service Project:** Thank you to everyone who helped show our kiddos that "Little hands can do BIG things! We have been collecting hats, scarves, mittens, coats, etc....for the Eveline Rivers Coat Closet and have finally tallied up all the donations from each class. If you still have some donations our boxes will be in the hall throughout this week. Here are our totals:



- 28 Coats
- 52 Socks
- 19 Hats
- 63 Mittens
- 6 Scarfs
- 6 Hoodies



## What's Happening Now....

- **WinterFest :** You don't want to miss out on this adult evening of food, fellowship, and FUN! On January 27th the school is hosting our annual WinterFest Auction to kick off *Catholic Schools Week*. This is a great opportunity to build friendships and help raise money for our school. Please get your tickets ASAP (we need a head count). If you don't have your tickets yet, please call or email and we'll send some home in your child's backpack. At WinterFest you will have the opportunity to eat Dyer's BBQ for \$10/plate, buy chances for raffle items, get a bottle of wine from the wine pull, and — BEST OF ALL— you will be able to purchase an arts-n-craft project made by *your child*. The biggest part of the night is the exciting live auction. 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!!
- **Absences:** If your child is going to be absent, please call Mrs. Jeanna in the office to let her know the reason for the absence. I know that cold and flu season can make things difficult, but please help us to keep germs at a minimum. Please refer to the Health Note from Mrs. Aranda attached with this memo.
- **Donations of Wine:** We are still needing some bottles of wine to help make our wine pull at WinterFest a success. If you would like to donate a bottle to the school, I'll give you two volunteer hours for it! Just bring it by the school sometime this week. Thanks!
- **Drive Line Question:** Parents of children in BOTH Montessori *and* Elementary. Just a reminder that you will ALWAYS use the Montessori drive line to pick up your children. This is true even if your Montessori child is absent from school. We want all children and drivers to use the same drive line each afternoon. It will make things easier for everyone. Thanks and sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

## What Will be Happening....

- **Catholic Schools Week:** National Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 28-Feb 2. Be sure to check out the Wednesday note to see all the great things we have planned for St. Mary's School as we celebrate the week!