

8th Grade Newsletter

December 8, 2017



We made it! Thank you for everything that you do for our school and students. We had a wonderful breakfast and enjoyed a good movie. I hope everyone enjoys their break and has a very Merry Christmas!!

From the Office:

- Classes will resume on January 3. Report cards will be sent home on January 12.
- Check out our new and improved website that is now fully operational.
www.smsrockets.org
- Reminder that Mrs. Brogan and Kristi Stevens will be hosting a Scholarship Law meeting on December 18 in the Parish Center at 6:00 pm. Information about this new Illinois Law was sent home last week with all students. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting if possible. These scholarships are for any family that falls into one of the designated income levels set up at that state level. This has nothing to do with the scholarship program already in place at St. Mary's; however it will be a school policy that all families that apply for a scholarship thru the school must apply with the state first. The portal will go live on January 24, 2018. This is when you will need to start applying for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting on December 18 is a chance to get all of your questions answered.
- A suggestion to continue VBRD in your family homes the rest of the Advent Season, pick a family virtue and as a family work on that virtue between now and the conclusion of Advent. Talk about the virtue daily and how you have worked on that virtue in your daily lives.

Calendar Events:

- January 3 - Classes Resume (if no make-up days needed)
- January 8 - Caps due for D of I Classroom Competition
- January 9 - 2nd Quarter Grades Due
- January 12 - Report Cards Sent Home/Noon Dismissal (buses)



*Loving
Father,*

help us remember
the **birth of Jesus**
that we may share in

the *song of the angels*,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the *worship of the wise men*.

Close the door of hate and

open the door of love all over the

world. Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us

to *be merry with clear hearts*. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.