

# ARCHBISHOP BORDERS SCHOOL BULLETIN

## JANUARY 2011

### FROM THE DESK OF.....



In many counties the great feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Here in America, we celebrate it on the Sunday between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and

January 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a beautiful feast for all of us because it proclaims to us to open our hearts and seek Christ in our lives. We open our eyes of faith and seek the wonders around us.

This day we ask our God to guide us with his light and to show himself to us in the many wonders and

people we encounter each day. I thank you for allowing us to encounter Christ in your children and in you, our school families. I wish you a happy feast of the Epiphany and a Happy New Year!



### SPOTLIGHT ON.....

Congratulations to Zhydekyah Esguerra in Grade 2. Zhydekyah participated in the Baltimore School of the Arts holiday performance of "The Nutcracker".

### Honor Roll

Please allow us to offer our special congratulations to Laurence Campbell, Grade 8. Laurence's name was omitted from the Honor Roll list published in the December bulletin. Laurence received Honorable Mention for his academic efforts in Trimester 1.

## 8th Grade News

This Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, is the due date for applications to the Catholic High School to which your child is applying for next school year. **Do not** send

these applications to Archbishop Borders School. Parents are responsible for getting these applications to their child's high school of choice.



### DON'T FORGET

If your child is absent, please call the school by 8:30 am and inform the office personnel. **PLEASE CALL.** If your child is to receive an excused absence, you will need to send in a note upon their return to school.

# Change in School Policy

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In an effort to ensure the safety of all of our students, there has been a change in the policy concerning arrival and dismissal procedures.

### Arrival Procedures

- All students will go directly to the gym when they arrive at school
- Pre-K 3 & 4 parents are to leave their children

in the gym

- All teachers will pick-up their classes in the gym at 7:45
- Parents will not be permitted to go to the classroom hallways
- Students arriving after 7:45 will be taken to their classrooms by office personnel



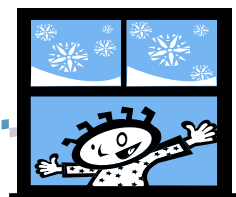
### Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal procedures have changed for Pre-K 3 & 4 students only; dismissal for all other grades remains the same.

- The Pre-K teachers will bring their classes to the gym at 2:35
- Pre-K parents will pick-up their children and sign them out in the gym



Oh the weather outside is frightful...



Now that winter has officially arrived, we once again remind you of the procedures followed by Archbishop Borders School in the event of inclement weather.

**Archbishop Borders School follows Baltimore County Schools for closings, and delayed openings. Archbishop Borders will also be listed**

**individually on WBAL Channel 11. You will also be able to hear similar announcements on WBAL Radio AM 1090.**

### Closing Policy:

- If school is delayed one hour, the doors will open at 8:45
- If school is delayed two hours, the doors will open at 9:45

- If school closes one hour early, the school will close at 1:30
- If school closes two hours early, the school will close at 12:30

**There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM if school closes early.**

# STUDENT CLUB NEWS

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the teachers will resume offering after-school clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. A description of the clubs being offered is attached. Students must meet the requirements and sign-up for the club/clubs in which they are interested. All clubs will meet from 3:00 - 3:50 pm. Students **must** be picked up on time at 3:50 pm. Students

must also stay for the entire time; they will not be permitted to leave before 3:50 pm. At the end of the club, the teachers will bring the entire group to the doors and then release them in the care of their parents/guardians.

Those students not picked up at 3:50 will be sent to the Aftercare program. Their parents will then need to

come into the building and pick them up from Aftercare and pay the daily rate of \$15.00.



## Be On The Lookout



- Interim Reports for the Second Trimester will be sent home on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Catholic Schools Week will be observed across the nation from January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 4<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this week is Catholic Schools: A+ for America.

Information concerning observance activities here at Archbishop Borders School will be sent home later in the month.

## A Visit From the Ravens



On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the students of Archbishop Borders School were treated to a special visit by two members of the Baltimore Ravens Football Team. Our guests that day were Kicker, Billy Cundiff and Running Back, Matt Lawrence. These players told the students about the sacrifices that they made in order to achieve their dreams of becoming professional football

players. They reminded the students how important it is to work hard in school and to always do their personal best in whatever they do.

The students really enjoyed this special assembly as they were able to ask questions, pose for pictures with the players, and some were even lucky enough to get autographs.

We were particularly pleased to learn that the kicker, Billy Cundiff, was recently chosen by the fans to go to the Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii later this month. We wish our hometown team, the Baltimore Ravens, the best of luck in the playoffs. Go Ravens!!!!!!

# January Calendar

January 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Friday Mass
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Parent Meeting with the Principal 8:15 - 9:15 am
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Interim Reports sent home
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Matinee - "Despicable Me" - 3:00 pm
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Catholic Schools Week celebrated through February 4th

# Classroom Happenings

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the students in Mrs. McIntosh's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class were visited by Saint Nicholas. In keeping with the tradition of Saint Nicholas, the students left their shoes in the hallway hoping that Saint Nicholas would visit and leave them gifts.

To their surprise and pleasure, Saint Nicholas did drop by and he filled their shoes with gold candy coins.



Also in December, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade read the story of "The Gingerbread Man" and decided that they too would make a gingerbread man of their very own. With the assistance of their

teacher, Mrs. McIntosh and Mrs. Celeste of the Child Nutrition Program the students made a gingerbread man from scratch.

Unfortunately, just as he did in the story, the gingerbread man ran away before he could be put in the oven. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students searched everywhere in the school for him and even put up missing posters. They entire school staff and student body really got into the spirit of "being on the lookout for the gingerbread man" but he continued to remain missing.

We are pleased to report that he was finally found four days later in the cafeteria munching on the lunch of the day, pizza. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students were glad that he was found and returned to them but they would still love to know where he was during the time that he was missing. In the end, the students enjoyed eating their beloved gingerbread man.

## Beautiful Voices Filled the Air

In front of a standing-room-only crowd, the entire student body took part in the Christmas production of "Angels We Have Heard on High".

The evening came alive through holiday music offered by angels, shepherds, barnyard animals, and stars. The students danced and recited dialogue that conveyed the story of Jesus' birth. The highlight of the evening was the journey to the stable by Mary, Joseph, and the Three Wise Men and the birth of baby Jesus. We are so proud of the talent displayed by all of our students in this production. Congratulations on a job well done!

Vallecillo, Mrs. Monika Morgan, Mr. Michael Parker, and Ms. Cathy Marshall.

In addition, we would like to thank the remaining members of the staff for their work in preparing the students for this production.



We would like to recognize the Program Committee members who brought this production to life: Ms. Kathleen Aschinger, Ms. Brittany