

Here are your updates for the week ending Friday, January 24, 2020

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Our annual Catholic Schools Week celebration will begin on Sunday, January 26. All of our families are invited to attend the 10:30AM parish Mass, and then come to the school's Open House, which will begin immediately following the Mass and end at 2:00PM. The following week we have some fun activities planned for our students. The schedule of events can be found here: [Catholic Schools Week 2020 Event Flier.pdf](#)
- **FEBRUARY MILK ORDERS:** Please return all February milk orders by next Wednesday, January 29. Remember that the milk order must be sent in **SEPARATELY** from the Harmony Foods lunch orders! The order form can be found on the school website, or by clicking here: [February MILK Form](#)
- **EARLY DISMISSAL:** The students will have a 12:20PM dismissal on Friday, January 31. After Care will be available until 6:30PM as usual (additional fee applies).
- **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:** If there are any parent volunteers who still need to get their Protecting God's Children Certification, Our Lady of Victories Church in Sayreville is hosting a class on Saturday, February 8, at 10:00am. If you are interested in taking this class, you must register online using the following procedure:
 - Go to <https://diometuchen.org/>
 - At the bottom of page under resources- click on "Sign Up for Virtus Class"
 - First time registrant
 - View list of sessions
 - Select Diocese (Metuchen, NJ)
 - You will see a list of classes offered.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- **WARM OUTERWEAR:** As the weather is getting colder, please be sure that your child(ren) are dressed properly to be outside. The students continue to go outside for recess all through the winter on days that the "real feel" temperature is above 35* so please be sure that they are wearing warm coats, hats, gloves, etc.
- **VISITOR LANYARDS:** Just a gentle reminder that when you are in the building to volunteer or visit, you must sign in AND out. You must wear a volunteer or visitor lanyard at all times and be sure to RETURN THE LANYARD BEFORE YOU LEAVE, even if you are a lunch parent who is in the building regularly. We started the year with 25 blue volunteer lanyards, and as of today we only have 5! If you accidentally took one home, please return it ASAP. Thank you.
- **SHUTTERFLY STOREFRONT:** When ordering your cards and gifts, please remember that St. Thomas the Apostle School has a Shutterfly Storefront, and with every purchase made St. Thomas will receive a donation! Go to STAS.ShutterflyStorefront.com and we get 8% of every purchase made!!! [Storefront Flier](#)

That's it for this week. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.