

#### This week!

The virtue this week is temperance: The restraint of our desires so that we can do what is right and good.

Monday, Nov. 20 -

- Parent Rosary, 8:15am, Church Lower Level Nursery
- Grades 1-3 Mass, 10:10am, Church

Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 – No school; Thanksgiving break.

# November lunch menu!

Here is our <u>November lunch menu</u>. If your child wants hot lunch, remind them to order it in the morning with their homeroom teacher. Families are billed through Infinite Campus.

# Looking ahead!

- Nov. 27 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception/Late start, 8:30am
- Dec. 10 Vespers Service, 6pm, Church
- Dec. 17 Nativity Program (see last page for details)
- Dec. 25-Jan. 5 Christmas break; no school
- Jan. 15 MLK Day; no school
- Jan. 18 All-School Spelling Bee



# Blackbaud Financial Aid for 2024-25 school year

The window to apply for financial assistance for the 2024-25 school year is open. The first deadline is Dec. 1, 2023. Visit <u>studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school</u> to get started and check out the <u>2024-25 Blackbaud/SMART parent</u> <u>application guide</u> and the <u>2024-25 parent instructions</u> for help.

## Home and School News!

- Christmas Trays: Please help us treat our teachers and staff to trays of Christmas goodies! We will do this on Wednesday, Dec. 6, for St. Nicholas Day! Please sign up using our <u>STA Cookie Tray Sign Up Genius</u>.
- Thank you: A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the conference meal for teachers! It all came
  together to be an awesome spread, and it was much appreciated!
- **Stock the Lounge:** Let's show our appreciation for our teachers by stocking the lounge with their favorite snacks! You will only be asked to stock the lounge one time. For Nov. 13-21, we are asking families with last names beginning with G-H to bring treats. Please use our <u>Stock the Lounge Sign Up</u>. We appreciate your generosity!
- **Christmas Service Project:** Our Saint Thomas School community is sponsoring three families in need this holiday season. Look for sign-ups and ways to help soon!

### Other stuff!

♥ Saint Thomas Thanksgiving Dinner: We will be hosting our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23, from 12-2pm in the lower level of church. All are invited to join in the celebration! RSVP for the dinner and/or volunteer to help on the parish website or call the parish office to sign up.

• West Catholic Events: Visit the <u>West Catholic High School website</u> for upcoming events/admissions info.

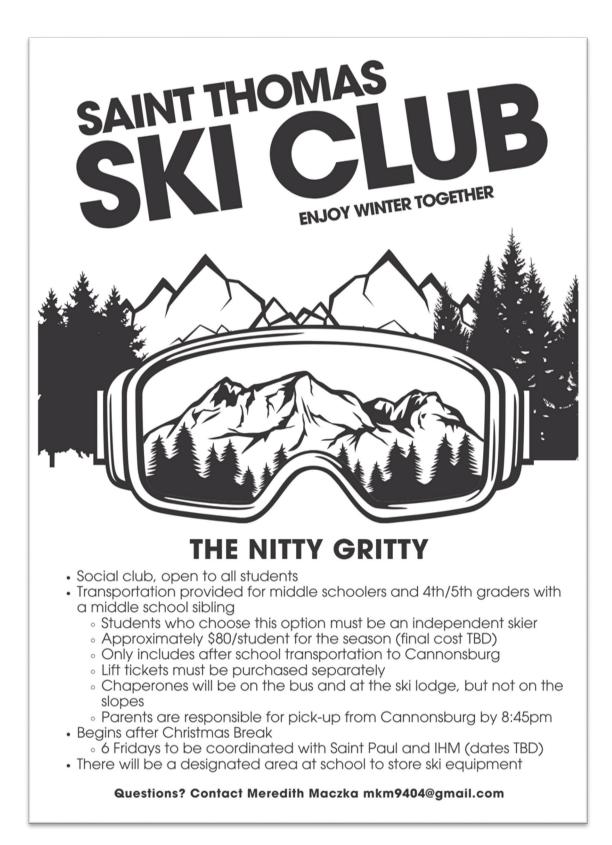
♥ Catholic Central Events: Visit the <u>Catholic Central High School</u> website for upcoming events/admissions info.

♥ Cannonsburg Ski Punch Card: Punch cards are for K-12 grade students and offer discounts on lift tickets, rentals and private lessons. Check out this <u>Cannonsburg flyer</u> for more information.

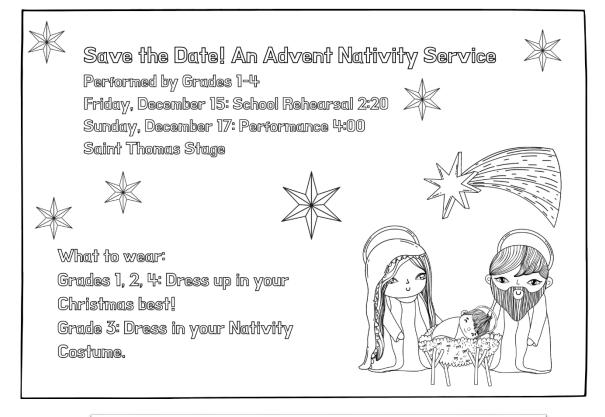
## GRACEAC Girls Basketball Sign Up

Dec. 1 deadline

If your daughter is interested in playing GRACEAC basketball, the sign up is open. GRACEAC basketball is open to girls in grades 3-8. Please sign up through the <u>GRACEAC website</u> – either Grades 3-4 Girls Basketball or Grades 5-8 Girls Basketball. **The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1.** 



To learn more about Ski Club, contact Meredith Maczka (<u>mkm9404@gmail.com</u>) or complete the <u>Saint Thomas Ski Club Google form</u>.







Please RSVP by November 29th on the Parish website or by calling the Parish Office at (616) 459-4662.

Questions? Contact Pam Strobel (pamstrobel@stthomasgr.org)