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From the Desk of Cheryl Werner, Principal

Happy December 1st!

The **2016 Columbus Thanksgiving Food Drive** was a success! Our Sacred Heart Cardinals raised \$69.10 and donated many cans of food for this service project! Thank you for your support!

The annual **Sacred Heart Pig Races** held on Wednesday, November 23rd were another exciting event! Congratulations to the following "*Prize Porkers*":

- **Beauty Contest Winner:** Mrs. Frost's Kindergarten BLT Pig
- **Race Winners:** Sacred Heart Staff Panther Pig, Ms. Garcia's 2nd Grade Sheep, and by a bystander's photo finish, Mrs. Milius' 4th Grade Emoji Pig!

Congratulations also to ALL of our Cardinals and their families who were able to sell chocolate! Our top sellers were **Haylee Boeschen and Dylan Boeschen!**

Please be sure to mark your calendar for **2 upcoming family events: K-1-2 Christmas Concert and Hour of Code!** Special thanks for Mrs. Lisa Wildeboer and Mr. Aaron Atwood-Blaine for sharing their talents and leadership with us here!

Finally, I have included an article from Julie Harris Johnson, Associate Director of Catechetical Services, and her December edition of "*To Teach as Jesus Did*" on the next page. Please find out more about our Saint of the Month: Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As always, **thank you for your prayers and support.**

Cheryl A. Werner
Principal

December

- 2- **Spirit Day!**
Cardinal Club for registered Cardinals
- 5- 9:00 Advent Prayer Service
- 6- 10:30-11:00 K-1-2 Christmas Concert Rehearsal
6:30 Christmas Concert in Sacred Heart Gym
- 7- 12:40 Junior Achievement in 5th Grade
- 8- 9:00 Mass-*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
Instrumental Music Lessons for 5th Graders
5:15-6:45 Hour of Code for SH Families of Cardinals in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5
- 9- *NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning for Teachers*
- 12- 9:00 Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe planned by 2nd Grade
- 13- 9:00 Advent Prayer Service
Instrumental Music Lessons for 5th Graders
- 15- Instrumental Music Lessons for 5th Grade
- 16- **Out of Uniform Day- Wear red, green, and/or Christmas apparel**
Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair 9:00 AM-9:00 PM @ 1518 Flammang Dr.
Christmas Corner for our Cardinals- more details to come
Cardinal Club for Registered 4th-5th Graders 3:30-5
- 19- 9:00 Advent Prayer Service
- 20- Instrumental Music Lessons for 5th Graders
- 21- 9:15 Stations of the Crib at Sacred Heart Church by Blessed Maria
Paper Product Give Away 11:15-12:00
Paper Product Give Away 3:15-3:45
- 22- Holiday Break begins!



Saint of Month: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas **Feast Day in the USA - December 12th**

The opening of the New World brought with it both fortune-seekers and religious preachers seeking to convert the native populations to the Christian faith. One of the converts was a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego. On one of his trips to the chapel, Juan was walking through the Tepayac Hill country in central Mexico. Near Tepayac Hill he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light as bright as the sun. Speaking in his native tongue, the beautiful lady identified herself:

"My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth. I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion." After several visits to the bishop of the area, Diego told his story again and opened his cape letting flowers cascade out. But it wasn't the beautiful roses in the middle of winter that caused the bishop and his advisors to fall to their knees; for there, on the cape or tilma, was a picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her. A cathedral was built at the site where the tilma is housed.

<http://www.catholic.org/about/guadalupe.php>

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