

HORNET'S BUZZ



December 1, 2009

St. Athanasius School
Co-Workers in Faith, Partners in Education

- ✦ Fostering Community
- ✦ Celebrating Tradition
- ✦ Discovering Giftedness
- ✦ Embracing Accountability
- ✦ Growing in the Spirit



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ARROW IN! – A Note from the Principal

Advent is the Season of Waiting

Don't hurry Christmas. Help your children practice patience this week. Use tools such as the Advent wreath or an Advent calendar to mark the time. Help your children wait by not celebrating before Dec. 25th - at least at home. (We can't control the rest of the world.) Decorate your home and the tree slowly and in stages.

Please note that no parish/school meetings, sports practices or games are to be scheduled at any time on the Holy Days of Obligation or during Holy Week. The focus on these days should be on our spirituality and faith practice. Upcoming Holy Days are Dec. 8th, 25th & Jan. 1st.

I READ TO THE PRINCIPAL

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BOYS AND GIRLS WHO READ TO MRS. ARROW: **CHASE C.**, **BAILEY K.** AND **MADDIE R.** GREAT JOB!

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT

Effective Wednesday, December 2, 2009, the sock policy will be that students may wear solid white, gray, black, navy or burgundy socks. Athletic/sport socks may be worn. No logos are allowed on any socks.

Please send all announcements for the Buzz to Mrs. Arrow at arrowd@athanasiusschool.org or to Paige at greenwellp@athanasiusschool.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 2	Grandparent's Lunch for Kindergarten, 12:10 p.m.
Dec. 2	Market Day: 6 – 7 p.m.
Dec. 3	Labels for Learning Collection
Dec. 3	Christmas Program (K – 2 nd) 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
Dec. 4	Dress as a Twin Day for \$1 donation
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 10	Confirmation Retreat, 8:00 a.m., Mt. St. Francis
Dec. 12	High School Placement Test, 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 17	UK / U of L Day with donation to Student Council
Dec. 18	11:00 a.m. dismissal for Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 9	Confirmation

ODDS AND ENDS

Parent reports for the GRADE testing are coming home today. If you would like some worksheets to help your child, please send a note or e-mail to Ms. Chandler at chandlerc@athanasiusschool.org.



The 2nd and final bus payment for those riding the bus is due by Thursday, Dec. 10th. Most people initially paid \$250 and the remaining \$250 balance is due. Questions? Call Mary Jane at 969-3332.

Friday, December 4 is “**Dress as a Twin/Friend Day**” with \$1 donation to the Student Council.

BUZZ WORDS

Primary – nativity
3rd & 4th - estimate
5B – authentic 5M – analyze
6W – inscribed
Jr. High - charitable

Other Events

Fostering Community



A MEGA CAVERNS FLYER IS BEING SENT HOME TODAY WITH THE OLDEST/ONLY STUDENTS. IF YOU PLAN TO TOUR THE LIGHTS UNDER LOUISVILLE ON A MONDAY – THURSDAY EVENING, PLEASE TAKE ALONG THE FLYER AND TURN IT IN WHEN YOU PAY. ST. A'S WILL RECEIVE \$3.00 FOR EACH FLYER RECEIVED WITH OUR NAME ON IT.

St. Rita will host "Jeopardy Night" for Junior High (6th grade and above) youth and adults on Sunday, Dec. 6th after the 6:00 p.m. Youth Mass in the Casper Center. Come and join the fun!

The St. Luke Players are presenting A Christmas Carol on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Athanasius. Tickets are \$4 (students), \$5 (seniors), \$6 (adults) or a family ticket for parents and all the kids for \$19. Go to www.stlukelouisville.org/stlukeplayers for more info.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE CALENDAR

Assumption	12/3/09	7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart	12/9/09	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

High School Placement Test is Sat., December 12th at 9:00 a.m. at all Archdiocesan High Schools. Students should bring two #2 pencils, \$15.00 and St. A's elementary school code (009).

The Grand Total for our St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive was 3,605 items!!! Thanks to all of the students and parent who contributed.

OUR 8TH GRADE COLLECTED 54 BLANKETS TO DONATE TO BLANKET LOUISVILLE. GREAT JOB!

PTO NEWS.....

The next Labels for Learning collection will be Thursday, December 3rd.

Growing in the Spirit

REFLECTIONS FROM FR. TERRY

I want to thank each family and each child who brought food to share with those in need for our food drive. Your sacrifice and generosity, gathered under the Stations of the Cross, makes the love of Christ visible for all of us to see. May those who receive these gifts be encouraged by this love of Christ for them through your gifts. May we continue our Thanksgiving throughout the year. In Christ,

Fr. Terry

If you have a question or suggestion, contact me at tbradshaw@staparish.com.

Congratulations to all the 4th graders who received the sacrament of Reconciliation last night! They are all aglow in Jesus' love.

Discovering Giftedness

THANKS

THE STUDENTS AND PLAYGROUND MONITORS APPRECIATE THE EQUIPMENT THAT THE PTO RECENTLY PURCHASED FOR THE PLAYGROUND.

MARKET DAY WORKERS

Date	Volunteers for November & December
12/02/09	Jeri Koetter, Sandra Liebert, Deborah McCabe, Nicola Schmidt, Brandi Reinhardt, Nancy Vowels
1/13/10	Bill Poole, Jane Werner, Nancy Harper, Brenda Carr, Amy Heil



ASPN (Athanasius Sport's Program News)
Sportsmanship: Let the coaches coach - The players play - The refs ref - Be a fan not a fanatic - Enjoy the Game

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

St. A's played St. Rita's (3rd through 8th grade) in the 1st annual JUGS Tournament. St. A's won the overall tourney. Congratulations to all those who participated.

MERCY ACADEMY'S JUNIOR JAG CLINIC will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for grades K - 12. This year's theme is "Miley Mania!" The cost is \$35 and those who attend are invited to perform at Mercy's home basketball game on Feb. 9th. Please see www.mercyacademy.com for more information.



BASKETBALL UNIFORMS CAN BE PICKED UP TUESDAY, DEC 1ST FROM 6-8 PM IN THE GARAGE BEHIND THE GYM. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO OTHERS ON YOUR TEAM. THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location (sessions last approximately 2 hrs)
12/9/09	7:00 p.m.	St. Catherine, New Haven, KY
1/17/09	6:30 p.m.	Holy Trinity, Cherrywood Rd.

See www.archlou.org for the latest schedule of upcoming classes.



Inclement Weather Policy

The decision to close schools due to weather conditions will be announced via radio and TV for Catholic Schools in Jefferson County. One of the following announcements will be made:

1. All Catholic elementary and high schools in Jefferson Co. are **OPEN**;
2. All Catholic elementary and high schools in Jefferson Co. are **CLOSED**;
3. Catholic elementary and high schools in Jefferson Co. will be **OPEN BUT ON A DELAYED SCHEDULE**.

In case of a delayed schedule, St. A's will be open at 7:50 a.m. **with classes beginning at 8:50 a.m.** and dismissal at 2:40 p.m. Please note that delayed schedule policies and times vary at each individual Catholic school.

Early Dismissal: We **DO NOT** dismiss early. Once students are here, we remain until 2:40 p.m. However, parents may pick up their children early if they choose to do so.

If school is **CLOSED**, all activities (sports practices, events, etc.) will be cancelled for that evening.