

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Newsletter for the week of December 11, 2017

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Seventh Grade's Visit to the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter

Our Seventh Grade Class chose to reach out to the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter for their service project this year. They collected socks and white t-shirts and then delivered them to the shelter last week. The students received a tour of the facility and learned a lot about our homeless population here in Denver. Here are some of their reflections...

- "The time I spent at the Sam House made me understand that you have to appreciate the things you have and not waste money on things you don't need." *Marisela*
- "This made me understand that not everyone has the 'normal life' they want." *Emily*
- "When I walked into one of the rooms for homeless families, I felt very fortunate to have a house and to have a room to myself. I also felt sorry for the families and children that have to share such a small room." *Areana*
- "The time I spent at the Sam House made me understand how amazing my parents are, how strong these people are to want to get back on their feet, and how important hope is." *Catherine*
- "When I walked into the room for a homeless family, I pictured a family getting ready for bed and a mom telling kids, 'It will be OK... We will get through this.'" *Marisol*
- "I was sad for the homeless people but I knew the shelter was giving them a future." *Sean*

Thank you 7th Grade for your example of living *Serviam* and for your willingness to become 'good Samaritans' this Christmas season.



The Sam House Kitchen

Opportunities for Families to Help at the Samaritan House

Volunteering as a family is one of the most powerful ways to help children experience the joy of helping others. Consider these options for serving our homeless population this Christmas and throughout the year:

1. Make sack lunches at home and distribute them
2. Decorate for the holidays: Schedule to decorate the cafeteria for any holiday
3. Serve a meal at the Extended - Stay Shelter: children age 13 and older
4. Host a Christmas cookie decorating event on the family floor
5. Help host a monthly Bingo Night and interact with residents
6. Make "ditty" bags for residents: donate supplies and help assemble
7. Make twine or cord rosaries: make at home and drop off
8. Come help organize the clothing room and sort donation

For more information visit samhousedenver.org



Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**- Dec. 12

Upcoming Events

- Tues, Dec 12: **Advent Confessions for 3rd- 8th**
- Thurs, Dec 14: Open House for new families
- Fri, Dec 15: **Christmas Program** for PreS- 4th
- Weds, Dec 20: Junior High field trip to Arvada Performing Arts Center for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Thurs, Dec 21: All School Posadas (8:00 am), Minimum Day- noon dismissal; no After School Care.
- Fri, Dec 22- Sun, Jan 7: Christmas Break!





Rolling out the Red Carpet for a Night to Remember!

We will be doing a dessert and wine 'paddle raiser' at the Gala this year. Do you have an awesome recipe for a cake or other dessert? Or perhaps you know someone who owns a bakery and would be willing to donate items for this. If you would like to make a specialty dessert platter or cake for this paddle raiser, and/or donate a bottle of liquor to pair with the dessert please contact Jessica Smith or the Front Office to volunteer?

It's Basketball Season!

Widgets Girls (3rd/4th grades) 2 Wins, 1 Tie , 1 Loss
 Widget Boys (3rd/4th grades) 0 Wins, 4 Losses
 Junior Varsity Girls (5th/6th grades) 3 Wins, 2 Losses
 Junior Varsity Boys (5th/6th grades) 0 Wins, 4 Losses
 Varsity Girls (7th/8th grades) 1 Win, 1 Loss
 Varsity Boys (7th/8th grades) 3 Wins, 0 Losses

Upcoming games: Come cheer our teams on!

12/11 at 7:00 Varsity Girls vs Assumption (h)
 12/14 at 6:00 JV Girls (h) vs. St. Bernadette
 12/14 at 7:00 Varsity Girls (h) vs. St. Bernadette
 12/15 at 4:15 Widget Boys (h) vs Notre Dame
 12/15 at 6:00 Varsity Girls (h) vs Nativity
 12/15 at 8:00 JV Boys (h) vs. Escuela de Guadalupe
 12/16 at 3:00 Widget Girls vs St. Louis (h)
 12/18 at 6:00 Varsity Girls vs Annunciation (h)
 12/19 at 6:00 JV girls (h) vs St. John the Baptist
 12/19 at 6:00 JV boys vs. Our Lady of Fatima (h)
 12/19 at 7:00 Varsity Boys (h) vs St. John the Baptist
 12/20 at 6:15 Varsity Boys (h) vs Nativity



Concession Stand Volunteers Needed!

If your child is participating in a sport at SPPS, we encourage you and your child to sign up to help in our concession stand! These volunteer hours will go to your mandatory volunteer hours as well as your child's *serviam* hours. Only 1-2 hours are needed per game and we will train those that have never volunteered in concessions before. We will be offering a variety of food including daily dinner specials for all of the busy families on the go! Money generated in our concessions will allow us to purchase new uniforms and sports equipment. Sign up here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0F48A8AF2BAB9-spps

If you have questions, please contact Danielle McNew either via fast direct or cell by 720.333.3355

Teacher Feature *by Sean and Miguel* Five Fun Facts about Ms. Metrona Sinka



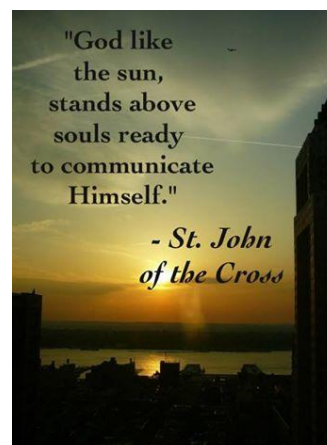
- #1: Born in Peck, Michigan
- #2: Her grandparents are Hungarian and she has two children
- #3: Loves hiking and has climbed Pikes Peak three times!
- #4: Used to play the saxophone and enjoys racquetball
- #5: Has been a nurse for 18 years

Teaches: 7th grade homeroom;
 6th/7th Language Arts and Social Studies; 4th- 8th grade PE



Did you enjoy listening to April Leo read her book at Seasons Readings? Her autographed books on sale **this week** in the Office for \$16.95.

St. John of the Cross Feastday December 14th



Happy Feastday,
 1st grade class!

