

EPIPHANY TIMES

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Wildcat Water Cooler

Since Christmas music is already piping into malls and cars, I thought we would get this month's holiday edition of our newspaper out early. The big news is our **CRAFT FAIR** coming up this weekend. Please volunteer, help to get the word out, and patronize our crafters. This is our last major Home and School fundraiser for this school year. Thanks in advance for your help to make it a success!

Yours truly,
Erin Friday

Q: What does the annual parish financial report mean for school families?

A: The **annual parish financial report** was just recently sent home to parish families. With regard to the school income and expenses, I want to make some important observations. While school tuition declined \$10,000 from the prior year due to a decreased Kindergarten enrollment and no tuition increase for the 2006/2007 school year, school expenses declined by twice that amount, \$20,000. Additionally, while income from socials and donations (fundraisers) decreased by \$40,000 over the last year, they were up over 70% compared to the two prior fiscal years. This same trend is reflected in the percent of school expense that is subsidized by the parish that increased over last year, but is better than the prior two fiscal years. The marketing committee is working hard to boost school enrollment. School families can help by spreading the good news about the wonderful program we have at Epiphany. While every effort is being made to watch expenses, the reality is that the expense of our school's greatest asset, its teachers, will need to increase. For this fiscal year, this expense remained flat compared to the prior year. In order to keep school tuition increases reasonable, we may need to increase our fundraising efforts. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for next year.



EOL News

Don't miss it!

What: The Epiphany of Our Lord Craft Fair

When: Saturday, December 1st - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 2nd - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Epiphany of Our Lord School



Spot Light On...

First Grade

Mrs. Michele Tadeo by Casey McBride

Mrs. Tadeo is our first grade teacher. She's been teaching at Epiphany of Our Lord School for the past six years. Mrs. Tadeo graduated from Rutgers University, New Jersey. She knew from a very small age that she wanted to be a teacher. The passion came from her grandmother who was a teacher in Harlem, New York. Her favorite part of teaching is when the students have an "ah ha" moment - when it finally clicks and it all makes sense to them.



Upcoming Events

- Dec 1st** Christmas Craft Fair
- Dec 2nd** Christmas Craft Fair
- Dec 4th** Report Cards
- Dec 6th** Report Card Conferences (12 to 7 pm)
- Dec 7th** Report Card Conferences (12 to 3 pm)
- Dec 12th** Christmas Play
- Dec 13th** Book Club (7th & 8th Graders)
- Dec 14th** Flyers Presentation (10 am)
- Dec 16th** Safe Environment Lesson
- Dec 20th** Book Club (4th, 5th, & 6th Graders)
- Dec 21st** Start of Christmas Vacation

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the
Epiphany Times Staff and their Families!**

**The Fridays
The McBrides
The Gibsons
The Combers**

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Dear Santa,

We have all been very good this year. Hope we all made the “nice” list! Casey McBride, Katie Comber, and Colin Friday asked all of us what three things we would most like to have for our classrooms so they could send this list to you and your elves.

Happy Holidays!

The EOL Classroom Teachers

Ms. Palcko

little toys for a treasure chest
3rd grade board games (Scrabble,
Monopoly, Yahtze)
ink pad for stamps (black, green, red)

Ms. Matteo

“The Blue Planet” dvd
subscription to National Geographic
Kids
molding clay for projects

Mrs. Miller

world map
stickers
bookends

Mrs. Sutcliffe

pencil sharpener
chalkboard erasers
stamp pads

Mrs. Mower

electric pencil sharpener
dry erase markers
baby wipes

Ms. Perachio

pencil sharpener
stickers
pencils

Mrs. Koneski

fat pencils
holiday stickers
sentence strips

Ms. Boylan

stickers
pocket chart for job listings
dictionaries for students

Mrs. Morasco

books
games
learning dvds (science, math, etc)

Mrs. Tadeo

chart paper
learning dvds (science, math, etc)
books

Ms. Catania

happy students
blessed students
vacation and lots of fun

This is the second page of December’s newsletter. The first page was distributed on the back of Ms. Havey’s family envelope letter last week. Let me know if you have any questions or comments at eolhspres@aol.com. Thanks and best wishes for a very happy new year!

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