Christmas for Others- November 28th-December 22nd

2017

**Ongoing CFO Collections in Lobby**

**The Mitten Tree** – Padua’s official Christmas tree, sponsored by NHS. Place new mittens, hats, or scarves on the tree. All donations go to the Bishop Cosgrove Center.

**Toy Collection**– Sponsored by NHS. *New toys* are especially requested for this venerable charitable effort.

**The Metanoia Project**  – Sponsored by the Junior Class. A donation drive is going to take place to meet the growing needs of the homeless in the Cleveland area. The wish list includes backpacks filled with the following items: Heavy sweatshirts in sizes M, L, and XL, gloves, hand warmers, feet warmers, thermoses and spoons (you can find these together), flashlights, toilet paper, socks, and thermal underwear in sizes M, L, and XL. See hallway flyers or ask Mrs. Bilancini or Mrs. Heinzerling for any additional questions.

**The Great Coat Cover-Up** – Sponsored by Student Council. New or “gently used” (and clean!) coats are requested. These will be placed where they are needed most by the Salvation Army.

**Santa’s Sock Sack** – Sponsored by the Sophomore Class. A donation drive to meet a real need for the homeless – warm, dry feet. Please donate new or like new socks for men, women and children.

**Latin Club Book Drive**– Libri Pro Liberis! The Latin Club will be collecting new and used books which will be sent to St. Francis School. Preferred books would be as follows: children’s picture books, hardcover books, Pre-K to grade 8 academic books, as well as good condition or new fiction or non-fiction. Please, no romance or questionable moral issues.

**Blankets for Babies and Others** – Sponsored by the freshman class, a drive for blankets for the needy and homeless. Donations of new and clean, like new blankets (and sleeping bags, too) will go towards the work of the Church Street Ministries, Berea.

**Food Bins** – Sponsored by Key Club/Campus Ministry. Bring in canned or non-perishable foods for the collection bins.

**Promise for Haiti Collection**- Sponsored by MedTrack. MedTrack students will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and soap (non-liquid) for all ages. These donation items will be used to help some of the dental/medical clinics in Haiti.

**Babies in Need-** Sponsored by Quiz Team. Quiz Team members will be collecting diapers, formula, gently used or new clothes, new bottles, and baby washes/ lotions. The donation items will be used to help those in need at Maggie’s Place.

**Event Schedule**

**CFO Kickoff Celebration!! (Tuesday 11/28)—**As a way to celebrate our past and encourage the future of Christmas for Others, there will be a special assembly to inspire us in our charitable efforts!

MCBS00005_0000[1]**Coin Wars (Wednesday 11/29-Tuesday 12/5)** – Hosted by the senior class. Each class and the faculty/staff have their own jar in the G.O. The class jar with the most net change wins – paper money/checks deduct from the value of the coin total in the jar. The winning class, i.e. the class with the highest net collection, is awarded a dress-down day (day TBD by the Administration). If the entire school collects more than $8000 total collection, then everybody will be awarded a dress-down day. *Coin Wars ends promptly at the end of a special homeroom 12/5 in the gym*. The first $2000 raised goes to the Senior Toy project for the Bishop Cosgrove Center.

**Italian Club Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday 12/3- 1:00pm): “**Mangia bene, vivi felice!” Eat well and live happy! Come join the Italian club for their annual spaghetti dinner located in the cafeteria. All spaghetti dinners are $13-children under the age of 6 are free. Tickets will be sold in advance-contact Mrs. Niro or listen to announcements for any questions. All are welcome to come and enjoy authentic Italian food-feel free to bring your family members and friends! Buon Natale!

**Letter/Canned Food Drive (Tuesday 12/5, Saturday 12/9):** *Open to anyone*, sponsored by Peer Ministers and Teen Institute. Come to room 141 on 12/5 at 2:30 and help us distribute letters to Padua neighborhoods for Saturday’s Canned Food Drive. Then on Saturday 12/9 students will meet in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. From there teams will depart to collect door-to-door. When collections are finished, food will be sorted and prepared for distribution.

MCj02329700000[1]**Ugly Christmas Sweater Day (Tuesday 12/5)—**What will your sweater or vest have on it? Penguins with gifts? Santa? Christmas trees? Hunt high and low for the ugliest Christmas sweater you can find and **wear it in addition to your uniform**. **Guys still need to wear a shirt and tie or polo, girls, Padua uniform shirts-all regular bottom dress code rules apply for both girls and boys**. Remember, this is for Christmas sweaters only; **leave your Christmas sweatshirts and t-shirts for Christmas Spirit Day.**

**Blood Mobile (Wednesday 12/6 8:30am-12:30 pm in the gym):** Hosted by Key Club and the Blood Mobile Committee. Help save lives by donating your blood! As always, the Blood Mobile donation will be run by The Red Cross. Be sure to listen to morning and lunch announcements to find out when and where you can sign up.

**Wunderbar Root Beer Float Day (Thursday 12/7)** – Sponsored by the German Club during all lunch periods. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased to avoid long lines. Those who buy in advance will be entered to win a German Wunderbar of Chocolate; purchase presale tickets at Lunch Tues. 12/5 and Wed. 12/6. Floats will be served on Thursday during all lunch periods on 12/7. Frohe Weihnachten!

**Senior All-Stars Volleyball Game (Thursday 12/7)** – Sponsored by the Seniors**. Admission is $1.00 to enter the gym (the game takes place during school hours).** Seniors will play four games, one each against an all-star team of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and faculty. Come and cheer your class to victory! Those who choose not to watch will go to a ***silent*** study hall in the cafeteria.

**1st period Collection (Monday 12/11-Friday 12/15)**– Managed by the Sophomore class, money will be collected during first period classes each day. The top three classes with the most money raised per person will win a quality catered breakfast served to them during first period sometime in the new year. (Sponsored by the Administration).

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**Nachos for Niños (Tuesday 12/19)**– The Spanish Club invites you to enjoy nachos and cheese after school in the lobby! Feliz Navidad!

**PFPJ Soft Pretzel Sale (Wednesday 12/20)-**Sponsored by Padua Franciscans for Peace & Justice. Delicious hot pretzels are only $1.00 (mustard/cheese sauce add .50). Sale is in the lobby after school. Proceeds go to purchase the dinner fixings that PFPJ prepares and then serves to the homeless at St. Malachy’s Mentanoia Project.

**Crazy Christmas Sock/Tie/Accessories Day (Wednesday 12/20)**- Show your Christmas spirit by wearing your favorite holiday tie, Christmas socks, or Christmas accessories (think headbands, bows, clips, earrings, necklaces etc.). All other normal dress code rules apply (you must wear a polo or shirt and tie). **Girls may not wear ties, spray paint their hair, or wear nose rings. Boys may not wear jewelry of any kind, or spray paint their hair.** **Santa hats/elf ears are permitted, but no stocking/winter hats.** **All regular bottom dress code rules apply.**

**CFO Spirit Day (Thursday 12/21)** – Show your Christmas spirit by wearing T-shirts, sweatshirts, or sweaters with a Christmas theme. Like Padua’s other spirit days, **all bottom dress code rules apply**. Please keep in mind that **the focus here is Christmas spirit,** which should guide your choice of top wear, so **nothing low cut, no bare midriffs and nothing sleeveless**. If you do not have *specific Christmas/holiday designs*, tops in **solid (think white undershirt)** Christmas colors of green, red, and white with **no other designs or logos** can substitute. **If you are planning on wearing a red, green or white top, be sure it does not have any writing on it-the shirt must be plain!**

**CFO Liturgy (Friday 12/22)** – We celebrate the love of Christmas on our last day together before Christmas Break. Presentations of donations to the representatives of various charities will be made at the end of the Liturgy. Our Orchestra and Choirs will then present the annual gift of their talent, expressing the joy of Christmas to us before we all go “home for the holidays.”

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