

# O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School



## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

### ATTENDANCE

We cannot express how important it is to ensure that your child attends school regularly and on time. Research has shown that students who attend less than 90% of the time have greater academic struggles, have a better chance of disengaging from school, and are at risk for not graduating. It also removes them from their social circles and it can make it challenging for them to reintegrate back with friends, particularly if they have missed school events that focus on developing social situations (activity days, etc.). It is important to note that the child who attends school every day is more likely as an adult to be at work everyday. While on the subject of attendance, we hope that you received our 'handy-dandy' fridge magnet with all our contact information on it.

Should your child need to be absent, please do not forget to call and inform the school of the absence and the reason for their absence.

### MORNING DROP OFF

Just a reminder that staff members are scheduled to begin duty at 8:30 every morning. Students should not be dropped off before this time. We have noticed a few students who arrive quite early; besides obvious safety concerns, with cold winter mornings looming, we are concerned that they may get very cold waiting for the bell to ring. Please arrive no earlier than 8:30a.m.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH OUR OICS FAMILY

One of our annual traditions is to come together and eat lunch as an OICS family. Right after Mass at St. Anthony's Church on Monday, December 7th, we will make our way over to the

Lord's Kitchen to have our lunch together. All parents are welcome to Mass with us. We had a very successful



Bullying Awareness Week where we tried to be more conscious of how our actions and words affect others. Pictured above is Mackenzie Milroy who came up with the winning slogan: "Be the Knight in Someone's Life" along with Ryan Rocheleau and Cassidy Villeneuve who designed the banner.



### VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON

We would like to congratulate both our girls' basketball teams on their success this year. They represented O.I.C.S. very well! They did so well that they had to play each other in the Championship finals! Way to go, ladies! Go Knights!

### WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH

CHRISTMAS MASS AND LORD'S KITCHEN LUNCH	DEC 7
81 AND 71 WRITING CHRISTMAS LETTER AT SACRED HEART	DEC 8
LAST DAY TO BRING IN A DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS	DEC 9
O.I.C.S. CHRISTMAS PLAY AT OHS 6:30 IN THE THEATRE	DEC 15
THORNLOE CHEESE ORDER WILL ARRIVE	DEC 16
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AND SOCK HOP	DEC 18

### LIVING OUR VIRTUE

During the month of November and December we have been working towards living the virtue of love. We have been trying to be more accepting of others' differences, and being more supportive of those who need a little extra support during our Bullying Awareness week especially.

Our charitable events are

trying to show our students to be selfless in our activities to be closer to Christ. Sharing our time, talents and worthwhile goods with others is celebrating the virtue of love.

The staff and students of O.I.C.S. wish all our families a very **Merry and Blessed Christmas!**

