

Weekly Word From St. Patrick School

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WEEKLY MESSAGE

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:26-27) This was the message from John the Baptist in last week's Gospel. This is a significant line because in that time in history, servants were the ones who untie a sandal strap. It was a job for the people considered to be the lowest of society. This told the people that someone great was among them.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Gospel has been centered around John the Baptist, signaling the coming of Christ. This week, the focus is Gabriel's visit to Mary. Even though Gabriel does most of the talking, there is a key phrase that is important. That is: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". That consent, moved us into a new era. How often have we said yes to God?

iPads

When I started this position at St. Patrick School, I had a vision of putting an iPad in the hands of every student. This past week, the beginning of that vision has started. Due to a

generous donation from a family, we were able to purchase 6 Apple iPads. I would like to publicly thank that family. Those iPads will be in the hands of our students. In order to have success with the iPads, I am having staff work with them starting now until the end of Christmas break. After break, the students will begin using them. If anyone has any ideas on how we can build on the amount of iPads, or have any questions, please contact me.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please remember that our Christmas break starts December 23 and ends January 2. Classes resume January 3.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for your participation in the concert. I hope all of you enjoyed it as much as I did. I also want to thank the PTO for providing the cookies and punch afterwards.

COUGH DROPS

If your child needs to use cough drops, please put their name on the bag with a note and give it to Jackie. They can then get it from Jackie.

CORRECTION!

When mentioning the iPads, I told you that the students will be using the iPads after break. The staff is actually using them with their classes now. That is very exciting.

Thanks,

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