

**MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2011**

- 1. WELCOMING VISITORS:** Today we welcome a student from Saint Croix Prep.
- 2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Advent is a great time to reach out and help others. Service opportunities for this month are now posted on the Campus Ministry bulletin board. Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to serve youth at Common Bond on December 8<sup>th</sup>, or Christmas Carol at Saint John's Hospital on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 11 and 12 are invited to serve a meal to the homeless at Simpson Shelter on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up and get a permission slip on the Campus Ministry bulletin board.
- 3. NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Attention NHS Members: The next NHS meeting will be on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 a.m. See you in the Faculty Lounge!
- 4. PIONEER PERFORMERS:** Please remember to turn in your permission slips for our field trip tomorrow! Permission slips are available in the Theatre Office! You must turn in your permission slip to participate!
- 5. "VERY HILL-MURRAY CHRISTMAS":** The show opens next Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>! All tickets are reserved seating so get your tickets soon! Hill-Murray student tickets are only \$5!!!
- 6. LMC CLOSED:** The LMC will be closed after school TODAY!

**7. TODAY'S ADVENT PRAYER:**

Lord, I lift my heart to you  
to be strengthened for this day.  
Be with me in all I do;  
Guide me in all my ways.

I will carry some burdens,  
some trials will be mine.  
So I wait for your help, Lord,  
lest I stumble and fall.

I will do my work Father,  
the work begun by your Son.  
He lives in me and I in Him;  
May His work today be done.

And all God's people said:

AMEN

---"We Believe in ourselves!"---

**HAVE A GREAT SNOWY THURSDAY!!**

## MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8. **ADVENT WREATH:** If you have walked by the entrance of the Auditorium this week, you have no doubt noticed an Advent wreath with a single candle lit.

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. There is great symbolism associated with the Advent wreath. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Each week, leading up to Christmas, we will light another candle until all four are lit. The blue candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The white candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is a day of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is half over and they are close to Christmas. The lit candles signify Christ, the Light of the world.

All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming one with humanity.

Perhaps most importantly, the Advent wreath reminds us to remain focused on our preparation for the second coming of Christ and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Our Advent wreath will remain lit during the school day. We would expect all students to be respectful of this holy symbol throughout these weeks of Advent.

9. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** If you have experience working with middle school youth, or if you are interested in the education field, you can gain experience as a one-on-one mentor! Saint Ambrose of Woodbury is looking for a high school volunteer to assist a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student in their Wednesday evening Faith Formation program. The commitment is three Wednesday evenings per month from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Saint Ambrose of Woodbury, and it is a great way to share your faith with younger students who look up to you. See the Campus Ministry bulletin board or Mr. Deziel for more information.
10. **PIONEER PERFORMERS:** All members need to pick up permission slips today for Friday's event. See Mr. Ballentine or Mr. Windholz for forms.
11. **BOYS LACROSSE PLAYERS:** The Hill-Murray Conditioning Instructors will be holding a meeting for all prospective boys lacrosse players in grades 7-12 TODAY, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse Team Room. All boys not currently involved in a winter sport, and thinking of trying out for lacrosse this spring, should plan to attend this meeting to learn more about the lacrosse conditioning program.
12. **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012-2013:** Any students who are interested in applying for scholarships for the 2023-2013 school year should stop in the Admissions Office to pick up the application. Completed applications are due on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
13. **SILVER BELLE BALL:** Attention all 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, the Sisters of Saint Joseph put on a Silver Belle Ball for all the Catholic High Schools at the Saint Paul Crowne Plaza. The dance is on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00-11:30 p.m. Don't miss this fun chance to

dress up and have a ball at the Silver Belle Ball. Tickets are \$35 per couple. See Ms. Dow if interested!

14. LMC CLOSED: The LMC will be closed after school on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
15. BASKETBALL CONCESSION WORKERS: Please see Mr. Otto today for schedules and information.
16. DETENTION TODAY: Will be held in Room 215 Today. Please report directly to Room 215 @ 2:15 this afternoon.
17. ADVENT PRAYER: Today's prayer was led by Campus Ministry students.

---"We Believe in each other!"---

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!!

#### MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

18. COMMUNITY OUTREACH: If you have experience working with middle school youth, or if you are interested in the education field, you can gain experience as a one-on-one mentor! Saint Ambrose of Woodbury is looking for a high school volunteer to assist a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student in their Wednesday evening Faith Formation program. The commitment is three Wednesday evenings per month from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Saint Ambrose of Woodbury, and it is a great way to share your faith with younger students who look up to you. See the Campus Ministry bulletin board or Mr. Deziel for more information.
19. P.E.E.R. TUTORS/LISTENERS: You are asked to pick up mail TODAY in order to be ready for class lunch meetings next week.
20. BOYS LACROSSE PLAYERS: The Hill-Murray Conditioning Instructors will be holding a meeting for all prospective boys lacrosse players in grades 7-12 tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fieldhouse Team Room. All boys not currently involved in a winter sport, and thinking of trying out for lacrosse this spring, should plan to attend this meeting to learn more about the lacrosse conditioning program.
21. ADVENT PRAYER: Gracious God, send us your grace this Advent Season so that we can prepare for your coming. Touch our hearts with longing so that we can better love and serve you and each other. Fill us with the hope that we can be transformed by your Spirit and so help to transform the world. Give us the peace of knowing that you came to share our human life and redeem us for the sake of love. We ask these things in the name of Jesus whose kingdom we seek. Amen.

---"We Believe in God!"---

HAVE A GREAT TUESDAY!!

#### MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, November 28, 2011

22. **ADVENT:** Today Hill-Murray and all of Christendom celebrate the beginning of Advent, the season of anticipation and expectation. Please join us in prayer and reflection during the Prayer Service, period 3, as we again renew our commitment to seek God and serve others.
23. **WELCOMING VISITORS:** Today we welcome a student from Saint Jude of the Lake.
24. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Students signed up to serve the meal at Simpson Shelter are reminded to meet in the Commons by the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. today.
25. **2012-2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Any students who are interested in applying for scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year should stop in the Admissions Office to pick up the application. Completed applications are due on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
26. **PERIOD 3 FRENCH CLASS:** All students in Ms. Marin's Period 3 French class are asked to attend the **FIRST** Prayer service today!
27. **MATH TEAM:** All High School Math Team members need to be in Mr. Goehner's room by 2:30 to prepare for today's meet at Henry Sibley High School!
28. **TODAY'S PRAYER:** The prayer for today was led by members of Campus Ministry.

---"We Teach, Preach, and Live the Gospel!"---

**HAVE A GREAT MONDAY!!**