



## **Ski Rental Equipment Fittings at CDS on Wednesday, December 2 @ 2:30 Cancelled!**

We needed a minimum of ten students for Nashoba Reps to visit the school for fittings – please take your child to Nashoba to be fitted for rentals sometime prior to January 8, 2010.

## **We're Making a List, Checking It Twice**

**HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!** Jolly Old St. Nick arrives at CDS for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00-11:00 AM. No tickets are needed for this event, but we do need your RSVP mitten and your \$15.00-per-family payment so that we have enough Christmas treats for everyone!

**JOY TO THE WORLD!** Here's an early Christmas present for everyone! We have a change to the school calendar: **Friday, February 5, 2010 – Early Dismissal at 11:00** due to our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. There will be **NO EXTENDED DAY**, so that Sr. Gert and Mrs. Bostick may attend this event.

## **The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**

Mr. Combs and the students have been merrily rehearsing for the highlight of our Holiday Season - the CDS Christmas Concert on Friday, December 11! To accommodate the overflow crowd, and to have room for grandparents and other special people, there will be two performances - at 1:00 p. m. and at 7:00 p.m.

The concert is a holiday fundraiser for the school, with a charge of \$2.50 per ticket. Four tickets will be reserved for each family – two to each performance. Please order them on the Ticket Form we'll be sending home soon. No tickets will be sold at the door for this event.

Please let Mrs. Vaughan know if you will not need all four tickets, so that they can be purchased by someone who could use more. If you would like more than two tickets to a show, she will keep a list of Extra Ticket Requests, and do her best to accommodate them in the order received.

To be fair to everyone, you may request a maximum of two extra tickets for each performance. Please make a note on your Ticket Form of how many extras you would like, and to which performance, but only send payment for your four reserved tickets at this time.

**The students will not wear uniforms to school on the day of the concert.** Grades Pre-K through 4 will wear their Christmas Best, and Grades 5-8 will wear a white top with black pants/skirts. Boys may wear their uniform pants if they do not have black pants. As usual, no jeans, baggy pants, cargo pants, tank tops, short skirts or sneakers are allowed.

## **Joy to the World!**

Check those backpacks on Monday, December 14 – each student will be bringing home an Interim Report. Please sign and return it to the homeroom teachers on Tuesday, December 15.

## **Baby, It's Cold Outside**

Our December Service Project will benefit Catholic Charities in both Lowell and Leominster. Students may bring in **NEW** mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for those less fortunate. Dates of the collection will be from Monday, December 7 - Friday, December 18. Collection Boxes will also be set up the afternoon and evening of our Christmas Concert, a perfect time to count our blessings and make a donation.

## **Jingle Bell\$ Jingle Bell\$**

Over 80 CDS supporters turned out for the Fall Gala, and were treated to a spectacular evening. The event brought in over \$10,000 to use for that new roof we'll be needing! A million thanks to our Co-Chairs Geraldine Leach, Marie Dean, Jeanine Guerin and Denene Premus, and thanks so much to all who contributed for your generosity.

## **Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow**

It's not too late to sign up for our 2010 Ski Program. **Please note the change this year: at a reduced cost, more experienced skiers in Grades 3 and up can ski or board only – they will not be required to take a lesson.**

The Ski Program will begin on the Friday we return from our Christmas Vacation (Friday, January 8, 2010). All participants will receive a package with their ski tags and other information before the first lesson. The Chaperone Schedule will also be forthcoming.

Dismissal time on the six Fridays that our Ski Program runs (January 8, 15, 22, 29; and February 5 and 12), will be determined when we have completed our Ski Registration. ***If enough students enroll in the Program, the entire school will be dismissed at 1:45.*** If we have a low enrollment, only the students participating in the Ski Lessons will leave at 1:45, and all other students will be dismissed at 2:30 as usual. **Please note: on Friday, February 5, all students will be dismissed at 11:00**, due to the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon being held that day in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. CDS Skiers may free ski prior to 2:45 that day.

## **Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas**

On Friday, December 18, all students will be dismissed at 11:00 AM, and there will be no Extended Day Program. CDS 2010 commences Monday, January 4, 2010!

**We wish everyone a  
joyous and peaceful  
holiday season.**