



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY MASS

Thank you to everyone who came to our community Mass at St Wilfrid's in Northwich. The theme for the Mass was 'Just One Filter' and suggested that, instead of seeing life through the many filters we may have on our phones, we see life through God's filter. God only sees Love and we should try to live with love as our default expression of all that we do. Thank you to Fr Paul and the parishioners of St Wilfrid's for making us very welcome. The next Community Mass is at St Luke's in Frodsham and will celebrate the start of Lent on 10th March 2019.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As I mentioned last week, we have begun to collect for our Christmas Hamper appeal to support the local parishes and communities. The list of suggested items has been sent out on ParentPay and I thank you in advance for your support that enables our students to offer practical help to those in need, especially at this time of the year.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

As we say goodbye to November, we recall all those we have prayed for in the 'sky full of stars' that covers the wall of the Chapel. These represent people who have gone before us and who we remember with love. This year we have introduced a Book of Remembrance for students and staff to add the names of their loved ones throughout the year. The names for the week will be offered at our weekly Mass in the Chapel. Nomination forms to add a name are available from me in the Chapel office.

ADVENT

On Sunday, despite the shopping adverts suggesting otherwise, we enter into the time of Advent, not Christmas. As we begin the season of Advent, we open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes.

God of hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought peace into this world, be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought joy into this world, be the joy that dwells between us.

*God of hope, the rock we stand upon, be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.*

Amen

*Mairie Gelling,
School Chaplain*



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Year 7 will be enjoying a performance of A Christmas Carol on the afternoon of Friday 7th December to supplement their study of the novel in lessons. Letters have been sent on Parent Pay to inform all parents of Year 7 students and to request a contribution of £3.50 per student to the cost of this, payment for which can be sent via Parent Pay. The company performing have been in school on several occasions in the past and we are confident students will have an enjoyable experience.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Planned absence:

If your child has a planned absence from school then we need to be informed at least 1 month before the absence is to commence. We will take into account your child's previous attendance levels when deciding whether to authorise the absence as well as the learning needs of your child.

Unavoidable absence:

If an absence is unavoidable, it is vital that school is notified on the first day of absence by telephone or in person and on each following day's absence stating the reason why. Parents or carers who do not inform school will receive a text of notification of absence. Please respond to this text message.

Thank you for your support in enabling our students to maintain good levels of attendance to school.

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

C H R I S T M A S	 Lunchtime	After School	C O N C E R T S	
	Monday	SINGFORMERS		Grade 5 Theory
	Tuesday	Flute Ensemble		Choir—5pm
	Wednesday	String Ensemble Mrs McKenna		CHOIR - Mrs McKenna
	Thursday	Vocal Harmony		DRUM SHED - Mr Makin 3:15-4:15
	Friday	Jazz Band		Concert Band

Period: 19.11.18 - 23.11.18

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	99	99	98	98	100	99	98	99	99
Year 8	98	98	99	99	97	98	100		98
Year 9	97	98	100	98	97	98	95		97
Year 10	96	100	97	96	99	98	99	99	98
Year 11	97	96	98	99	99	95	93	93	95
Whole School	98	99	99	98	98	98	98	99	98

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

Sports Page

Day	Date		Fixture / Practice	Venue	Start Time	Pick up
Mon	3 rd Dec	Boys	Primary Basketball Finals 4pm – 6pm Year 9 Basketball v Weaverham	AWAY	3.30pm	4.45pm
Tue	4 th Dec	Boys	Year 10 6-a-side Football v Hartford	AWAY	4.00pm	5.00pm
		Girls	Year 8 & 10 Netball v CHSL	Home	3.45pm	5.00pm
Wed	5 th Dec		Year 9 Parents & Curriculum Choices Evening			
		Boys	St Nicholas U18 v Sandbach Cheshire Cup	Moss Farm	2.00pm	4.00pm
		Girls	Netball Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Thur	6 th Dec	Boys	Year 10 & 11 Basketball v Weaverham	Home	3.30pm	5.00pm
			Year 10 Cheshire Cup v Hazel Grove Stockport	AWAY	2.00pm	5.00pm
Fri	7 th Dec	All	Run Club	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
		Girls	Football Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm

Year 11 Football Result

The Year 11 Football team secured their place in the 3rd round of the Cheshire Cup with a 4-2 victory away at Congleton. The lads were 2-0 with 15 mins to go then a brace from Tom Walsh and goals from Nathan Stapleton and Richard Hawkin secured the well deserved victory. They now go on to play Weaverham High School in the last 16.



ST NICHOLAS RESULTS

Basketball

Year 9—St Nicholas 22-5 Winsford

Year 10—St Nicholas 44-2 Winsford



Football

Year 8 County Cup - St Nicholas 3-2 Weaverham

Year 9 6-a-side Tournament: Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 2—Finished 2nd.

Netball

Year 10—St Nicholas 4-19 Knutsford

Year 11—St Nicholas 4-6 Knutsford

We have a vacancy for a new Chair with effect from our AGM on 14th January 2019. The Charity Trustees would be happy to meet informally, over coffee or a glass of wine, with anyone who has any questions about the role (full details on the PTFA section of the website). Please contact our current Chair, Kim Griffiths kim@copley.co.uk to arrange a no-obligation chat.

Christmas Market

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Market last Thursday evening. I'm sure you'll agree it was a great night with lots ideas for Christmas gifting for young and old! I'm sure you'll be delighted to know that the amazing sum of almost £1600 was raised for PTFA funds on the night. A further £115 in Christmas raffle tickets was sold. This is a wonderful achievement made possible by the hard work of all our active PTFA members with the assistance of site staff, 6th formers, teachers, stall holders and, of course, YOU!

Christmas Raffle

Sales are going really well. Our grateful thanks to everyone who has bought tickets so far, we really appreciate your support. Ticket will be on sale until midnight on Sunday 16th December and the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 18th.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!



First Prize is a 7 night Eurocamp family holiday

2nd Prize is beautiful Christmas Hamper (complete with wicker basket) and a magnum of Prosecco.

Third prize is £50 cash.

Tickets £1 each, available to via ParentPay.

Matched Funding

Are there any more wonderfully generous parents out there who work for companies that offer a Matched Funding scheme? If so, we would **LOVE** to hear from you. Not only is it a great way to get involved with school/PTFA on your own terms but you will also be making an enormous difference to our fund-raising capabilities. Whatever time you can spare, we will work with you to make the most of your generosity. Please contact kim@copley.co.uk if you can help.

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