

ST. AGNES ACADEMY

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Dear Crusader Parents:

The girls won a close but amazing game last night against Hemingford! We hope you're staying warm!

- Christmas concert is **TONIGHT at 6:30 PM** at the PAC.
- Mrs. Weems has sent texts and calls, but we still have some outstanding Parents Inc. dues to be paid. Thank you.
- The 8th grade class (aka the yearbook staff) has done an amazing job selling ads. The yearbook is more affordable for our families because of these advertisements. Thank you to everyone who supports the yearbook by placing an ad. If you were not contacted and are interested in being included as an advertiser, please call Mrs. Gould at 308-762-2315, and she will have a student contact you. Yearbook ad sales are to be finalized by December 12th. Parents may also sponsor their children's classroom pages. It is \$10.00 per page sponsored. Please fill out the following information and return it complete with payment to Mrs. McGhehey or Mrs. Gould before 12/12/17. Yearbooks will be available for purchase sometime in January 2018. A yearbook order form will be attached to a future Tuesday letter. Thank you!

\$10 - Family Sponsor of Student's Class page - Names of sponsors will be placed directly on the student's page. -

Please write the name of the sponsor and the class page that is being sponsored: example: The Green Family - Kindergarten

Name of sponsor _____ grade _____

- Friday is our all-school Mass and dress up day rather than tomorrow
- \$75 Calendar Winners: Kathy Zilmer – Alliance; Tricia Benda – Alliance; Kim Bradley – Chadron; Creston Myers – Alliance; JoAnn Johnson - Three Forks, MT
- \$1000.00 Christmas Winner: Lola Shires – Alliance
- The fourth-grade class chose a community service project that is very exciting, but need your help. We are going to make Christmas a little brighter for 76 Kindergarten – 2nd grade students attending Loneman Elementary School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Most of these children are living in poverty. The principal was fast to say they desperately need hats and gloves. Other gift items could include games and non-gender specific toys, shoes, boots and clothing. Monetary donations are also welcome, and the fourth grade will pick out gifts to give. Thank you so much for your support.
- Thank you so much for all the volunteers who helped with the wreath sales!

Respectfully,

Rodney Wilhelm

Principal

Education Choice and LB 295:

The Church teaches that public authorities must establish “concrete conditions” for parents to exercise their right to choose an education for their children that best meets their needs (CCC 2229).

LB 295: Nebraska’s three Catholic bishops are supporting LB 295 (the Opportunity Scholarship Act) currently being considered by the Nebraska Legislature. LB 295 would enact a tax credit (beyond a tax deduction) for donations to nonprofit organizations, which must turn nearly all of their revenue into K-12 private-school scholarships for poor and working-class children.

Exists in Other States; Not Vouchers: At least 18 other states have similar “tax-credit scholarship” laws, including Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota. Many say that tax-credit scholarships are the same as vouchers. This is false, because vouchers shift *public* funds from public schools to private school students, while scholarship tax credits incentivize *private* donations to nonprofit organizations for private-school scholarships.

Action: Write letters or messages of support to: (a) the Governor, (b) state senators, and (c) the editor of your local newspaper. Learn more at www.necatholic.org/education.