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Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family. Now preparations have already begun for Christmas since it is less than a month away! It is amazing how quickly time is passing.

Congratulations to the following winners of our November \$500.00 tuition raffle:

Emilia P.	grade 1
Joshua P.	grade 7
Emilia S.	grade 5
Rebecca W.	PK-3A
Zuzia S.	grade 5
Mateo F.	PK-3B

Another group of 6 winners will be chosen in May.

Our recent fundraisers resulted in the following:

Yankee Candle Sale	\$2,092.00
Cupcake Sale	\$251.00
Alzheimer's Association donation	\$585.00

The **December Cupcake Sale** will be hosted by Kindergarten on **Dec. 13th**.

In November, we received a \$1,000.00 donation from a grandparent of one of our families as well as another \$1,000.00 donation in the mail from an anonymous donor. Sincerest thanks to these benefactors of SSKCA!

This month we are busy getting ready for a few important events. **Parent/Teacher conferences** are on **Thursday, Dec. 7th**. The sessions are **12:15 pm – 2:15 pm** and **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**. Students should not accompany parents but if it is unavoidable, they are to wait for their parents in the auditorium. Our annual **Christmas Show** is scheduled for **Friday, Dec. 15th, at 7:00 pm**. It is mandatory for all students to attend since they are the stars of the show! Participation in our shows is also a part of their music grade. **Breakfast with Santa** is on **Sunday, Dec. 17th, from**

10:00 am until noon. It is a very popular event that has sold out the past few years so if you are planning to attend, please purchase your tickets ASAP.

The winter coat drive will end on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. We will then begin a **Toys for Tots** drive in collaboration with the Greenpoint chapter of the Lions Club. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped in the large collection box outside of the secretary's office. The toy drive will end on **Thursday, Dec. 14th** so that needy children in our community will be able to experience the joy of receiving a new toy for Christmas.

Due to a special project that the teachers and I are required to participate in for the diocese, there will be a **half day** of classes for students on **Monday, Dec. 11th**. Clubs are canceled that day but after school care will be available.

While you are doing your holiday shopping this month, please remember to register for Shoparoo and Amazon Smile. Shoparoo is an app that provides hassle free fundraising. Once you download the app and register our uschool, then simply snap a photo of your shopping receipts and submit. Our school will then receive a donation. In September we received a check in the amount of \$585.00 with just 91 people registered for our school. Imagine what it could have been if all our families were registered, together with their friends and extended family members! There is absolutely no cost to take advantage of this great opportunity and no "catch". More information can be found on their website, www.shoparoo.com.

For those of you who like to shop online at Amazon, if you go to www.smile.amazon.com and register our school, you will find the same products at the same prices as on the Amazon site but using the smile site will result in 0.5% of your eligible purchases being donated to SSKCA. More info about this program can be found at their site, <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

The parent who handles our website and Facebook page has informed me that we have 771 followers on Facebook. However, only 39 reviews have been submitted. We would love to have more people write a review and help share our story. If you do follow us on Facebook, kindly take a few minutes to write a review and hopefully we will be able to raise our stars. Ask your family and friends to do the same. This would be a great way to spread the word about SSKCA so that we will no longer be considered the "hidden" gem of Greenpoint.

During the coming season of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of Christ, I pray that you and your family will be blessed by the joy and peace of Christ's love and that the Spirit of Christmas will abide with you always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C

