

PJP2A



News



The School Christmas Float in the Parade of Lights

Preparing for Christmas

We had a wonderful week coming back from Thanksgiving break. We are already busy in preparing for the upcoming Christmas festivities, especially our school Christmas performance on December 21. We also had our Parade of Lights occur this weekend which featured our school's float. Many thanks are given to Annika Ellis and all of the dedicated

parents who pitched in to help make our float and clean up afterward. We are so grateful for your participation and school spirit!

Mark Your Calendars:

December 5 - Life Choices Presentation (8:05 a.m.)

-PTO Meeting (6:00 p.m. @ Fiesta Guadalajara)

December 8

-Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 8:00 a.m.

-Live Nativity (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

December 11 - Life Choices Donations Due

December 13 - Christmas Spirit Day

December 21 - Christmas Play (7:00 p.m.)

LIVE NATIVITY

We are conducting our Live Nativity presentation again this year on **Friday, December 8, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** The Live Nativity display will occur outside of St. Mary's Catholic Church close to Niagara Road. We encourage you to come and watch this year's display as a way to remember the true meaning of the season. Refreshments will be provided!

Please **let Mr. Gordon know if you or your child would be interested in participating** as one of the nativity characters this year. We would also love to have live animals at the event if you or someone you know has resources to provide these.

For those already signed up, please meet at St. Mary's Catholic Church by 4:45 p.m. to get into costume.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast day of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.

Masses are at St. Mary's at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Our school will be attending the morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.

This feast day is honoring Mary, the Mother of God, as conceived without original sin. You can read more about this feast day online [here](#).

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Review

During the month of December, our assemblies will be focused on preparing for the upcoming Christmas performance. Also, we will be remembering the season of Advent in our prayer period.



Middle School students practicing for our Christmas play which is entitled, "The Incredible Nativity."

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION MEETING

Our next PTO meeting is this Tuesday, December 5, and because this is the mid-point of the school year, we will be having a more informal gathering at Fiesta Guadalajara. You are invited to join the PTO for dinner at Fiesta at 6:00 p.m. In addition to other items, we will continue discussion for the theme of the upcoming spring gala. We hope you can make it out!

BASKETBALL SEASON

Our basketball season began this week! Please remember that athletes must pay their **\$60 fee by Tuesday, December 5.**

The boys and girls have the following practice times:

Girls: Tuesday - 3:00-4:30; Thursday - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Boys: Tuesday - 4:00-5:30; Thursday - 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Basketball games will begin after Christmas break, and we should have the beginning game schedule out within a couple of weeks.

SPIRIT DAY

Our next school spirit day will be Wednesday, December 13. We are having a Christmas-themed spirit day. In the spirit of the season, there is no charge for participating in this spirit day. Students may dress in anything appropriate which is Christmas-themed. We will also be having an **ugly sweater contest**, so be sure to start searching for that unsightly Christmas sweater.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you for everyone's support of the Life Choices Pregnancy Center Christmas service project! I am astounded yet immensely grateful that we are close to gathering all of the items already.

Please note that donations for Life Choices must be brought to the school by **Monday, December 11.**

We will also have representatives from Life Choices visit our school's morning assembly on **Tuesday, December 5,** to discuss what Life Choices does in our community.

The presentation is kid-friendly, and all parents are invited to attend the assembly at 8:05 a.m. should you have any interest.

Thanks for your consideration in supporting this service project!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our annual school Christmas performance is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.** We are already beginning to prepare, and we will start having more time dedicated to practicing for this after the Thanksgiving break.

Please remember that we will not have our normal Wednesday workouts until after the Christmas holiday since our students are using morning assemblies for Christmas play practices. Students will still have their regular P.E. periods.

SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 70

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 102

Quote of the Week: "We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom." - St. Cyril of Jerusalem