

PJP2A



News

Advent Happenings



Christmas Spirit Day

This week, in addition to our work to prepare for the upcoming Christmas performance, we concluded our Christmas service project, had our Christmas spirit day and completed our week by witnessing the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation,

and Eucharist) given for one of our students at our school Mass. It has been a blessing to take part in each of these activities with our students, and I hope that your family is taking advantage of this advent season as we work to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

CHRISTMAS STAGE DECORATING

We will be decorating our Christmas stage for our Christmas program on **Tuesday, December 19**, starting at **5:00 p.m.** We could use several helpers to assist us as we get our stage ready for December 21. No sign-up is required, but if possible, let Mr. Gordon know that you'd like to help out. Thank you for your consideration and support!



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our annual school Christmas performance is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.** Students will need to arrive by 6:30 p.m. on the performance night, and they should go to their classroom to be supervised by their teacher.

Also, this year, we are asking that students **return** to their classroom directly after the performance and be picked up by their parents from this location. This new procedure is for security so that we can be sure all students are safely picked up by their designated parent/guardian.

Mark Your Calendars:

December 19 - Stage Decorating (5:00 p.m.)

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

December 22 - Mass

December 25 - January 8 - Christmas Break

January 8 - Staff Work Day

January 9

- Students Return to School
- End of Second Quarter

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.



Left: Spirit Day Winners



Right: Human Christmas tree decorating was a favorite spirit day activity.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Our Christmas break is from December 25 - January 8. Please remember that we have a **full day** of school on Friday, December 22. Please be sure to let the office know if your child will be absent on this day, as this is a regularly scheduled school day.

Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 9.

SKI TRIPS

It's hard to believe, but our middle school ski trips are just around the corner! **The dates are January 12, 19, and 26.** More information on these trips will be sent home to parents soon. Please remember that your children's safety is our highest priority on these trips, and therefore, we do enforce a strict code of conduct. We also wish to have as many adult chaperones as possible. Thank you to everyone who is assisting us on these trips, and be sure to say some prayers for more snow.

CHRISTMAS PLAY REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies for our Live Nativity event! We have frozen some of the leftovers to use at the reception for our Christmas performance on December 21. We would greatly appreciate it if you could bring some additional cookies as refreshments for this upcoming performance. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to our upcoming production!

CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year's Christmas play is entitled, "The Inn-Credible Nativity" and is centered around the inn keepers at Bethlehem who become the hosts for the birth of the Messiah. In keeping with our tradition, the middle-school students will be conducting the acting parts while our younger grades will be performing through music and dance. We hope you will be able to come and enjoy this year's performance!

Please be sure students arrive by 6:30 p.m. on December 21. The performance begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

END OF SECOND QUARTER

The end of our second quarter is on Tuesday, January 9. Because this is almost immediately after we return from the Christmas break, we wish to emphasize the importance of students completing and submitting all assignments and class work before the Christmas break. Be sure to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress. In grades 5 - 8 you can also view grades on our online grade book, Thinkwave.

Second quarter report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, January 17.

SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 80

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 92

Quote of the Week: "For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" - Luke 9:25 (RSV)

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