

Dec.16, 2016

As the last week before Christmas break quickly approaches, we continue to focus on our “Lend A Hand, Lift A Heart” campaign. The children have been trying to remember acts of kindness each day. It is my hope that it has also spilled over into your homes!



Our Gospel this week is from Matthew 1:18-24. It explains how the birth of Christ took place.

...”and they shall name him, Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” All this came in a dream to Joseph. We all know that very often our names have special meaning. Jesus means “God saves,” and Emmanuel means “God is with us”. So we have one more week to focus on the truth that the One who saves is always with us. Let us pray this week for the grace to slow down the frantic race to Christmas that is all around us. Let us make room in our hearts for the Savior given to us 2000 years ago, is given to us daily.

Some quick reminders for this week:

Teacher **gift money** due ASAP. Please put child’s name and Grade on the envelope with message To: office.

Christmas Show on Wed. Dec. 21st @ 6:30pm. Students all need to come dressed to the school in their Angel costumes by 6:00 pm.

Last day of school Dec. 23rd. There **will** be EDP. There is a 12:10 dismissal. All students will be asked to dress in Red and Green and as “Christmassy as possible” We will have a fun morning together and end with a Christmas movie, cookie treat and hot chocolate. Please do not send in food for the classes to share. Because of allergies, etc. we have made this a school policy for many years. The kitchen will be the only place that has food. cookies will be sugar cookies from our distributor.

The following information is from Mrs. Alvarez deLugo. All these events are for Dec.31st.

NOON YEARS'S EVE: Join us for a family-friendly countdown to 12pm with a creative piñata drop and extra-specially festive cookies and cupcakes. Saturday, December 31, 11am-1pm at Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT.

Right after this event, families can go to the Knights of Columbus Museum, which are just a few blocks away from the Creative Arts Workshop at One State Street New Haven, CT.

Christmastime Family Day: Bring your visiting friends and relatives to enjoy the crèche exhibit and Christmas Tree Festival during our annual Family Day celebration. The event will also feature crafts for children, refreshments and live, festive music from Joyful Noise. Saturday, December 31, 12–3pm Vote for tree 22 in the People’s Choice Award!

Enclosed in this week’s packet is our Christmas card from the school. Hope you like it! Many thanks to Deb Schwall who designed it, along with TYCO printing who donated the printing.

We wish Mrs. Delahunt a wonderful Christmas from the school because she will have her surgery on Dec. 20th and will not be with us on the last day for the party. We all pray for a quick recovery so she will be back with us in February.

Thank you all for your patience with the short-staffed office. It has been most helpful that you are calling in the absences on time. Mrs. Mastriano is recovering nicely. Mrs. Fresco is already up and around and is trying to make it to the Christmas Show. She is feeling stronger every day!

Have a blessed last week of Advent. Next week the Jan. info for lunch and calendar will be in the envelopes.

God bless,

