

December 14th, 2018

# Sacred Heart School

Dear Sacred Heart Families,

With the advent season in full swing we are taking some time to explain our Christmas traditions to the students. This year we are having a Christmas Around the World assemble for the students. They will each receive a booklet of our most popular Christmas traditions as they learn and experience why we use these beautiful symbols as a reminder of Christ's love for us. Here are a few of the traditions we will be sharing.

God Bless,

Anne Atkin, principal

## Symbol of the Wreath

The Christmas wreath has decorated many a door with fresh greenery. Wreaths are often made of evergreens, including holly, mistletoe, pine and fir. Because they are green and bear fruit in the winter when other plants appear lifeless and bare, evergreens signify God's immortality and everlasting life. The wreath's circular shape reminds us of the circles of life, family and love.



## Symbol of the Cardinal



Christened the Christmas bird for its spectacular red color, the cardinal has become a symbol of the beauty and warmth of the holiday season. A glimpse of this brilliant bird brings cheer, hope and inspiration on a gray wintry day. As nature's reminder for us to focus on our faith, the cardinal's scarlet plumage represents the blood of Christ shed for the redemption of mankind.

### All School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 15th

3:00

Church Hall

We will have a Cookie Exchange after the program. Please bring a tin of cookies and an empty tin. You can bring home a selection of cookies.

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 14th– Emmaus Group Christmas Party for Jesus– K-6th grade at 10:00

Dec. 15th—Christmas Program at 3:00. Followed by Cookie Exchange and 4:30 Mass

Dec. 17th– Christmas Around the Word Assembly at 1:30

Dec. 21st– 1/2 Day of School. No Beyond the Bell. Class Christmas Parties

Dec. 22-Jan. 6– Christmas Break

## News from Preschool

This week down in preschool we have been working on the letter Qq and talking about the season of Advent and how it's a time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth. During this second week of Advent we have been talking about how Mary said "YES" to God. We have also talked about how Mary's heart was always full of love for God. We also talked about the special prayer we can say to Mary and how its called Hail Mary.

Thank you so much to everyone in the class who brought in a little stocking stuffer for the kids on our Angel Tree. The stockings were overstuffed this year and we as a class felt very grateful for being about to help other kids in the community have a great Christmas.

As of Wednesday, December 12th, there is a new dismissal policy for the preschool students that Mrs. Atkin and myself have decided to implement. At dismissal from now on preschool kids are going to exiting the side door and are going to be waiting at the fence in front of the school until a parent or relative come up and get them. This new policy has been put in place to help keep the kids as safe as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to ask myself or Mrs. Atkin.

On Saturday December 15th is our Christmas Program. This will take place at 3:00 down in the Church Hall. Students who are going to be participating in the program are needed in the hall by 2:45. Preschool will be sitting together until the end of the program. They are allowed to wear a nice Christmas outfit for this program.

For our Christmas party we will be decorating Christmas cookies and having a few snacks. I have placed a sign up sheet for the party by the sign in sheets. Please take a look. Our party will start soon after Mass on Friday the 21st.

### Dates to remember:

December 15th: Christmas Program at 3:00

December 21st: ½ day of school and classroom Christmas Party.

December 23rd-January 4th: CHRISTMAS BREAK

I hope you all have a great weekend! Miss Jessica

A Huge Thank You To The Parents Who Watched The Students And Buying Us A Staff Lunch At Rumors. We Appreciated The Break. Stacy Parker, Michelle Jedele, Kristina Tedder,

Christmas Around the World

Monday, December 17th

1:30 in the Grey Room

Please join us as we celebrate the different traditions of Christmas from around the world.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Easton Shaffer	1st grade	Dec. 10th
Carter Hart	PK	Dec. 12th
Piper Arnold	PK	Dec. 16th
Dominic LaRussa	4th grade	Dec. 31st

