

Our Lady of the Assumption



December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Advent is a time of hope; it isn't Christmas, and it isn't the holiday season. It is its own special time of preparation. It is the time of year that the church gives us to get ready for Christmas, but too often, with all that we have to do, the meaning of what we are preparing for gets lost.

At school we are trying to focus on the real meaning of Christmas, that 'Jesus is the reason for the season. The power of Christmas is that God the Father gave us his own Son to show us how to love. Jesus shows us how to love one another and opens our hearts and minds to everyone. So, this year we are starting a classroom giving project for specific children in nearby communities to help them in the poverty of their surroundings. Each classroom will have a child's name and a list of items that have been requested by a social worker. I hope that we can make Christmas a little brighter for others as we prepare for our own celebrations.

With every activity that will occur this month let us try not to get overwhelmed but reach out to each other, be a little kinder, a little nicer, and more respectful. Let us all remember the reason for the season: Jesus, the prince of peace came to live among us and give us love and hope.

May this season of Advent bring to each of you, the children and families of OLA, the joy, wonder, and hope of the true meaning of Christmas.

Peace,
Mrs. Tosiello

Dates to remember:

Thursday, December 3rd – Spirit Day, students may wear a team or sport shirt with gym sweatpants. Instructions for making noisemakers were given in class.

Friday, December 4th – Pictures for absentees and retakes

Monday, December 7th and Tuesday, December 8th – Secret Santa shopping days. Each class will have a scheduled time to shop.

Tuesday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception Mass at 1 p.m. in church. Parents are welcome.

Wednesday, December 9th – Secret Santa shopping for parents

Friday, December 11th – No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, December 17th – Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. The theme this year is ‘Sebastian and the Candle in the Window’. Children should wear school uniform. DVD’s of the recital will be available from Mr. Schubert for \$28.00.

Friday, December 18th – All donations for the Christmas Giving Project must be in. Each class has been given the name and wish list for a needy child. Donations may be made in the form of money if you wish. It would be good if the children were given chores at home to earn the money for the gifts. OLA families with more than one child need only contribute to one class.

Wednesday, December 23rd – Noon Dismissal-Please pick up your child on time.

December 24th to January 1st – No School-Return on Monday, January 4th

Please check the OLA website frequently for event updates.



Have a safe and blessed holiday from the OLA faculty and staff