

Dear Parents,

What an amazing publication party we had on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came and listened to our authors. Students loved all of the reflections they received.

Your child's Trimester 1 Progress Report will be shared via your Toddle family account today. No progress report will be printed and sent home. They can be viewed and downloaded. The envelope will still come home along with a letter. Please sign and return on Monday.

Each child should work at home practicing their parts for the Reader's Theatre productions. Each day next week the groups will practice together and we will present them to the class on Wednesday, December 13th.

The Christmas program is coming up next week. The classrooms (and the church) will be open at 6:00 for the children to be dropped off. Remember they are to wear blue or black bottoms and a white top. They will be wearing white robes over their clothes for the costume.

On Thursday, December 14th, we are having a "Polar Express" party! Our room parents are helping to organize a special breakfast for students to enjoy before watching the movie and participating in other special activities.

Important Dates for Your Calendar

12/8 - Progress Reports shared in Toddle

12/11 - Advent Prayer Service in the auditorium (8:35 am)

12/13 - Christmas Program (6:30 pm) (students arrive in classrooms by 6 pm sharp)

12/15 - Advent Prayer Service in the auditorium (8:35 am)

12/15 - FREE DRESS FRIDAY ~ **Christmas Festive Wear**

12/15 - NOON DISMISSAL

12/18 - 12/29 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

1/1 - NO SCHOOL - Happy New Year!

1/10 - Mass grades 3-8 (8:45am)

1/15 - NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

1/26 - FREE DRESS FRIDAY

1/28 - 2/3 - Catholic Schools Week

During the Advent weeks, we take part in a plan called "Countdown to Christmas." Every day, we light the Advent candle, read passages from the Bible, learn about the time when Jesus was born, and add to our classroom nativity scene. After that, we choose a child to open the gift under our small Christmas tree. The present is a Christmas book, which we then read and enjoy together with the students.

We hope you are filled with love and joy this Advent season and are ready to light the candle of peace,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith