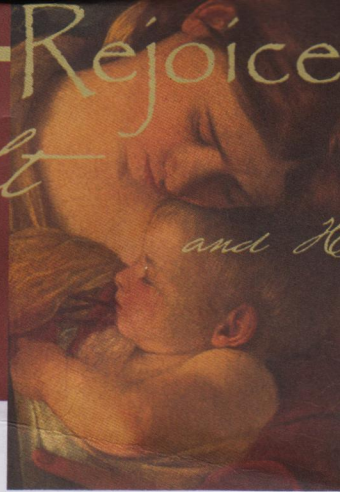


Rejoice

Oh holy night

and He shall be called Saviour



Dec. 15, 2011

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of the Advent Season and prepare for the Coming of Jesus, I hope you take a few minutes to relax and read this newsletter. Sometimes we lose sight of the real reason for Christmas. We are excited to be able to celebrate the Fourth Week of Advent in school. Special activities have been planned as we wrap up this calendar year.

- What a marvelous evening we shared last night! The play displayed the talents of our Acting Up group. Miss Kohli and Mr. Elder worked hard to bring about the production in such a short time. Miss Davis, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Soslowicz added their time and efforts during rehearsals and the production itself. Our Music teacher, Mrs. Daly recruited Mrs. Packrall to help all the singers. Mrs. Jones donated the drinks and desserts for the cast and Capo's Pizza donated pizza. The Basket Raffle was a huge success. Special thanks to Geneva Schools for allowing us to use their wonderful facility. Fr. Rusnak added his congratulations. So, thank you parents for all your support throughout this great experience.
- Mr. Jones has taped the performance and plans to make copies available after the holidays. We are also hoping to offer copies of last spring's play.
- Fr. Rusnak has given us permission to construct a Children's Nativity Scene in the back of the church. Your child can bring in a small animal figure to add to the scene. It may be plastic, wood, glass or even cloth. Please be sure to mark it so that I can return it at the end of the Christmastime.
 - You may add your animals before Masses this weekend or send them in on Monday and we will place them in the Nativity.
 - Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Holahan for making this idea a reality. What a wonderful way to remind us all that God loves all creatures!

- Be sure you look at the beautiful banner mad by our own Mrs. Carle. We have been watching Mary and Joseph make their way to Bethlehem. Their journey is nearly complete.
- If you would like to do some easy last-minute Christmas shopping, try us.
 - We have hand-crafted marble bookends for \$35. These purchases support our Art program.
 - We are offering Assumption mittens and headbands. Mittens are \$14 and headbands are \$10. A gift set is available for \$22.50.
 - Educar tickets make great stocking stuffers.
- Student Council Proclamation

“Assumption Student Council proclaims that Wednesday, Dec. 21st will be Christmas Spirit Day. We can wear street clothes that show our Christmas joy.”
- Reminder that we do have school next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be doing our annual Christmas Retreat Activity on Wednesday. We return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.
- Christmas Eve Children’s Mass is Saturday, Dec. 24th beginning at 4 PM. Our First and Second Graders will be acting out the Nativity Story. Following that, our Children’s Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bergen, will sing during the mass. Our CCD students will be doing the readings. This is a perfect way to celebrate Christ’s birth and begin the Christmas Time. This begins the Twelve Days of Christmas, ending on Epiphany, Jan. 6th.

Fr. Rusnak, the Assumption Teachers, our Support Staff and I would like to wish your family blessings for this Christmas season and the coming New Year. My hope is that you continue to make memories that your children will remember long after the tree is down and the decorations are packed away.

Together, we do make a difference,

Mrs. Brafford