



Christmas Spirit

Anyone who has a red or green Santa hat, or elf hat, or festive Christmas hat... is encouraged to wear it to school this Friday.

Great Things are Happening!

- In sixth grade religion, the students are learning about Noah and his Covenant with God. Connecting this with science, the students are learning how a flood affects the land.
- Our 4th grade students are deeply engaged in spreading Christmas cheer throughout OLA School with their Christmas Acts of Kindness! Today, a 4th grade classmate brought small gifts for each student in class as a random act of kindness.
- St. Nicholas visited our 1st graders and Kindergarten students Monday. He read them a story about his life and gave each one a special prayer card and a candy cane.
- In fifth grade, students are expanding their vocabulary by playing Lightning Rounds with words that have the root "graph" in them.
- Third graders are putting up their Nativity as they learn about the importance of Christmas Traditions.
- The 8th grade is diligently practicing for the upcoming Christmas Pageant. In Literature they will be "visiting" Mt. Olympus and learning about the Greek Gods and Goddesses.
- Preschool Angels are learning about water transference through experimenting and they also compared 2 stories, The Ninjabread Man vs The Gingerbread Man.

Progress Reports

We are already half way through the second quarter! This Friday students in grades 4-8 should access and print a copy of their progress report, parents should sign the slip at the bottom and return it on Monday. Progress reports for students in grades 1-3 will be printed and sent home.

Oh the Weather Outside is Frightful...

A couple things to remember as the winter sets in:

- As often as possible students WILL go outside. Please send them dressed accordingly with winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves, etc...
- OLA School follows the Worcester Public Schools for cancellations and delays.

- There is no before school program on days when school is delayed for two hours. Students should not arrive before 9:35 on two hour delay days.

STEM Beginnings

Attached is the informational/registration flyer for STEM Beginnings winter session for students in grades k-2. This is a wonderful after school activity to encourage young minds to think creatively and explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Reminder to All Families

On Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the church, our school community will participate in a Holy Prayer Service honoring the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Students in PreK-7 should wear their Christmas best, and the 8th grade students will represent the characters of the Nativity. The students will gather in the school hall between 5:30 and 5:45 and will walk to the church with their class and teacher. Pews for students will be marked as reserved. Seating is limited so we do ask that you prayerfully and fairly consider the number of people you bring with you to the pageant so that all parents have an opportunity to sit and watch their child. Audience members cannot stand in the aisles of the church as students will be processing up and down both sides of the church during the entire service. As the entire school community is together that evening, seating can be challenging.

Again, we will be offering a raffle chance for families to win 1 of 4 prizes -first or second row on either side of the church. Raffle tickets cost \$10.00 each and can be purchased simply by sending \$10.00 in an envelope marked pageant raffle and your family name. Winners will be announced this Friday. This is not a fundraiser. Money collected from this raffle will be used to purchase Shaw's gift cards to add to the Christmas food baskets prepared by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.