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# From the Principal's Desk



December 13, 2018

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"Let us love one another because love is from God"



## So much excitement!

Thank you, thank you to the whole school community for your participation in the Santa's Ride toy drive. We had a wonderful Giving Mass and exceeded our goal with some 570+ toys.







After Mass concluded, the 7th grade hosted a reception for the parishioners who share Friday masses with us. We are extremely blessed to be a part of a parish which values and supports Catholic education! The 1st graders did a fabulous job of performing two of the songs from the upcoming Christmas concert.









On Monday, the Middle School students participated in the annual Georgraphy

Bee. Congratulations to Nicolas on winning our school bee and best of luck to him as he prepares to take the qualifying exam for the state bee!





On Tuesday, we had an awesome visit from Santa Claus! It was a chilly morning but the excitement helped keep everyone warm.











Today, of course was the NJHS sponsored dress down day. Everyone looked amazing and we raised over \$580.00 for Catholic Charities.









And the 2nd grade took the time to remind us that today is also the Feast of St. Lucy; they looked quite festive in their candle head pieces.



The K-4 Christmas Concert is right around the corner on Tuesday, December 18th. Please be certain to see the information below regarding costumes. Keep in mind that the gym is kept closed and the doors do not open until 6:30 pm for seating.

The 5th grade Nativity Pageant is Thursday, December 20th at 2:00 pm. All are invited.

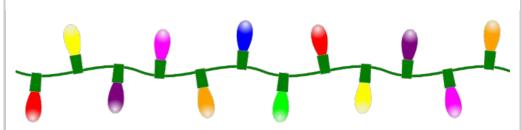
Friday, December 21st is an early dismissal day and there is NO Extended Day. The Christmas break begins that afternoon and students return to school on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Have you purchased your family's Christmas tree or wreath yet? This is the last weekend for the PTO sale!

Thank you all for the gift of your beautiful children!

# -Maureen Ashby

**Principal** 



# Costume and Call Sheet for the Christmas Musical: Miracle at Midnight

The Christmas Performance is December 18th @ 7:00 pm.

Grades K-3: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO LATER than 6:30 pm.

Grade 4: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO LATER than 6:15 pm.

Students will begin to line up at 6:45 pm.

The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Doors DO NOT open until 6:30pm.

Please refer to Power Learning for all practice materials. Please have your child practice at home! All songs, choreography videos and song lyric sheets can be accessed on the Power Learning music class page.

#### Kindergarten- "Angels"

The Kindergarteners will wear all white, or a white shirt with their grey uniform pants, or other grey bottoms. They will be provided with tinsel halos to complete their heavenly look.

#### 1st Grade- "Sheep"

The 1st graders will wear their school sweats inside out. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a smart bow.

#### 2nd Grade- "Camels"

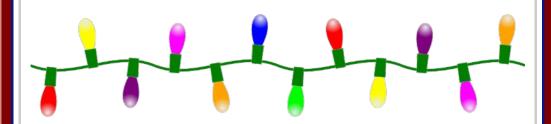
The 2nd graders will wear brown shirts and black pants.

#### 3rd Grade- "Townspeople"

The 3rd graders will wear blue shirts and black pants. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical.

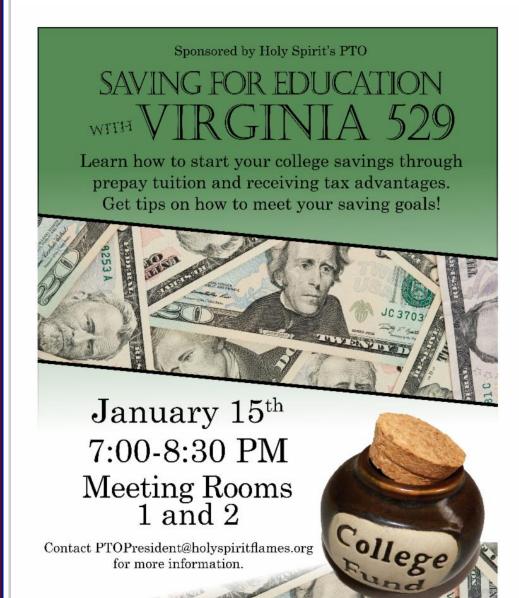
#### 4th Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Power Learning Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member. All lines must be memorised by Monday December 3rd!



If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Toussaint @ atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org. Thank you so much for your cooperation in making this year's Christmas Musical a great memory for you and your child!

Blessings, Mr. Toussaint







### Devotional Events

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God December 31, 2018

MASS
5:30 - 6:30 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
6:30 - 11:00 PM

BENEDICTION
11:00 - 11:30 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS
11:30 PM - 12:30 AM

(TAKING PLACE DURING NYE EVENT)



Save Lives • Give Blood



# Saturday, January 12th 6:45 AM - 1:30 PM

**INOVA Blood Donor Services Holy Spirit School** 

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

#### Contact:

- Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435 or giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us
- Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122 or cmcecka@yahoo.com

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit. Double up! Donate on ALYX.





# Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 13, 2018 "(or <u>CLICK HERE</u>). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

Miracle at Midnight Costume Call - updated flyer
 Chess Club and Coding Club Winter Session - flyer
 PTO Sponsored - Virginia 529 information session - flyer
 Parish Flyers:
 Parish NYE Event - flyer
 Marian Devotions - flyer
 Blood Drive - flyer
 Community Flyers:
 Dyslexic Edge conference - flyer
 ANSLL Registration flyers - Spring 2019