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"We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him."

Matthew 2:2

Note From Dr. Wrobbel

I love this time of year, especially when there is a blanket of white snow covering the ground like today. For me it is a great reminder of God's promise of forgiveness and cleansing that is found in Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your **sins** are like **scarlet**, they shall be as **white** as **snow**; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." There are so many great things about this time of year. I enjoy singing all of the great Christmas carols, re-reading the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Christ coming, and the Christmas story itself. Speaking of the Christmas story, the 2nd through 5th grade students were in great voice last night presenting "Bethlehem's Treasure". Thank you Miss Depa and second through fifth grades students for all of your work. Thanks also to all of you who helped make last night such a great evening. December is busy and filled with many activities. Let's enjoy the season by making sure that we give Jesus the time and recognition He deserves as our greatest Treasure.

Heartfelt Thanks

On Wednesday, the faculty and staff were blessed beyond measure while they enjoyed a truly exceptional Christmas luncheon. Thank you to Chrissy Viegas and her dedicated volunteers who helped set up, cook, decorate, supervise students, clean, and break down. It took many hands to make this such a special treat and it was so appreciated!

Long Lines at the Microwaves

Please remember to prepare instant lunches (mac & cheese, pizza, instant noodles, ramen, etc) at home before sending them in your child's lunch. There is simply not enough time for the lunchroom volunteers to read directions and "cook" food for the students.

Shop & Share

We have another opportunity to support our school! Check your Tyveks for the gold Shop & Share certificates to be used on 12/14, 12/15 & 12/16 at any Jewel-Osco. Present the certificate to the cashier and TOCA will receive a percentage of your purchase. Certificates can be duplicated and given to friends and family members.

Last Chance for TRIP

The final TRIP order before Christmas will be placed on Monday, 12/14, at 11 a.m. This is also the last opportunity to designate earnings for the SMART Board fundraiser. Enjoy one stop shopping by ordering gift cards through TRIP! Extra Jewel cards will be on hand next week for Shop & Share days.

Junior High Christmas Celebration

On Wednesday, 12/16, 6th-8th graders will enjoy Christmas cheer as a group with their teachers and peers. Junior high students **only** may wear jeans and a Christmas top that day.

Christmas Gift Chapel

Part of the joy of this season is the giving of gifts. On Friday, 12/18, each class will present a gift to organizations that help those around the world who are in need. This will be a **formal chapel wear day**. If you prefer, you may wear your Christmas finest (no t-shirts or jeans).

Year-End Gifts

In order for funds to be credited to your contribution record for 2009, they must be in our possession or postmarked by midnight on Thursday, 12/31. This is an IRS regulation. Thank you for including Trinity Oaks in your charitable giving.

Christmas Celebrations

Classroom parties will be on Friday, 12/18. Kindly remember that treats to be served to the students must be commercially prepared (store bought) as per the Department of Health.

Winter Outdoor Fun

Now that there is snow on the ground, the students are anxious to get outside for recess. As long as it is 15 degrees or warmer (with wind chill), students will be allowed outside providing they have appropriate outerwear to keep them warm. Even with snow pants and boots, it is not uncommon for socks to get wet while playing in the snow. We recommend that your child always has an extra pair of socks in their backpacks in case theirs get soggy.

Young Rembrandts

On Thursdays after school we offer a unique, fun-filled drawing class for students in grades 1-5. Registration for the next session (1/7-3/25) is now open. Visit www.youngrembrandts.com to enroll.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 12/13

Mrs. Filippi's Birthday

Monday, 12/14

All School Late Start 9:25 a.m.
Jewel Shop & Share
Parent Prayer 9:30 a.m.
Beginning Band 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. SS P & P
Market Day Pick-Up 2:30 p.m.
BB Home vs. Westlake 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 12/15

Jewel Shop & Share
Advanced Band SS P&P 7:20 a.m.-8 a.m.
BB Home vs. Glenview (7th-8th) 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 12/16

Jewel Shop & Share
Band at TOCA
Beginning 7:40 a.m.-8:25 a.m.
5th-8th 8:28 a.m.-9:11 a.m.
Jr. High Christmas Party 2:15 p.m.

Thursday, 12/17

Young Rembrandts 3:05 p.m.-4:05 p.m.
BB Away @ Village Church of Gurnee 4:30 p.m.
& 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 12/18

Christmas Gift Chapel 1 p.m.
Classroom Christmas Parties 2 p.m.

****CHRISTMAS BREAK 12/21-1/1
SCHOOL RESUMES 1/4/10****

Sports Corner

The **boys' basketball** team defeated Einstein Academy on Monday, bringing their conference record to 4 and 1. The boys will have to show up to play hard next week as we take on more challenging teams.

Come cheer on the Huskies for the home games next week: Westlake Christian on Monday, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. and Glenview (7th-8th) on Tuesday 4:30 p.m. On Thursday, the team travels to Village Church of Gurnee to play Home Run Kids.

Come hungry on home game nights! Our concession moms have a variety of snack items including their famous tacos in a bag and nachos! Homemade guacamole is a speciality of the house!



LUNCHROOM NEWSFLASH

DECEMBER 2009

Here's what's happening in the lunchroom during DECEMBER at TOCA ...
O Christmas tree ... O Christmas tree ... give the gift that only the Lunchroom will LOVE ... we're asking each student to bring in a roll (or 2) of paper towels to place under our Lunchroom Christmas Tree!!! This will carry us through till school year ends!



- Keep sending in your ALUMINUM CAN TOPS (beverage, soup cans, etc ...) - we're collecting them for the Ronald McDonald House. The kids LOVE to put the tops in the big jug (we're trying to fill the 2nd jug up by Christmas - we're almost there!!!!). Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help contribute too!



- Keep sending in your CAMPELL'S SOUP LABELS ... we are collecting them to benefit our school.



- We are in desperate need for help with the Lunch Room Team. If we do not have sufficient helpers - the kids will be eating in their classrooms - no micro wave lunches & no break for the children or teachers. Won't you please help? Sign up sheet in the office. (Our greatest need Tuesday, Weds, & Thursday's.) Won't you help? 1x/month, 2x/month, 1x week, etc. Questions, please call Linda Dzialo 847-826-8446.

Thank you to all who have and continue to serve in the lunchroom - we are truly grateful to you for your kind act of service!

Thank you for allowing us to serve you, your children and the families of TOCA in the lunchroom. It is truly an honor & a privilege. We love your kids. Our prayer is that your family have a blessed Christmas, focusing on the Christ in Christmas!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Linda Dzialo & Annette Podgorski