

MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2nd and 3rd: Parent-teacher conferences; 12pm dismissal

December 6th: St. Nicholas' Day

December 7th: Advent confessions grades 3-5

December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass; best dress uniform

December 9th: Advent confessions grades 6-8; PTO Christmas Boutique

December 10th: Schoolwide Advent retreat; Honors Assembly at 8:30am; PTO Christmas Boutique; 12pm dismissal

December 13th: Christmas Theme Day!

December 16th: Christmas Pageant at 3pm; 11am dismissal

December 17th: Mass at 8:15am; best dress uniform; 12pm dismissal; last day of school

December 20th-January 3rd: Christmas break

January 4th: School resumes

Dear MI Parents,

I can't believe it is already the end of the year! 2021 has definitely been another unforgettable year. Little did we know when the year began that we were going to end another year dealing with the pandemic. The year has been filled with struggles, uncertainty, and needless to say, a lot of stress. But, it has also been a year of growth. It has taught us to re-evaluate what really matters in life. It has taught us to pause for a few seconds and see all the small blessings God has bestowed upon us. As we get ready to end the year, I encourage you to do something special and different with your family this Christmas. Let us remember that in the midst of our struggles God is always there. There is always a light at the end of the tunnel! Let us rejoice and be glad, for Christ our Savior will be born on Christmas Day!

Thank you for your continued trust and support. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to wish you and your families a VERY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many Blessings,
Veronica Macias, M. Ed.
Principal

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all people."

—Pope Francis

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

In spite of the challenges we have faced during this pandemic, I am very happy to inform you that our annual Christmas Pageant is back! The last 18 months have been filled with changes, challenges, and stress for all of us, including our students, therefore, we want to bring some sense of normalcy to our students and school families. The Christmas Pageant has been an important part of our Christmas celebrations and not being able to do it last year was very difficult for us. My goal since last December has



Jesus is the reason for the Season!

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Christmas Boutique: Dec. 9th and 10th

Krispy Kreme pick up day: Dec. 10th

no reservation of seats. The only exception will be for the winners of the Trunk-or-Treat. Seats will be on a first come first serve basis. The Christmas Pageant will also be livestreamed via Zoom for family members at home. I will send the Zoom link as we get closer to the date. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we implement a new procedure for the event.

We will also need help setting up and dismantling the stage for the Christmas Pageant. Please see attached letter. Thank you in advance for your help, support, and cooperation! ☺

HONORS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We will have our Honors Awards Assembly on Friday, December 10th at 8:30am in the church. Parents are welcome to attend, but we ask you to please sit in the back of the church in the auditorium. You will be able to come closer to the altar to take a picture of your child when he/she receives the award.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE CHRISTMAS BREAK!

been to continue with our MI Christmas traditions this year. After brainstorming different ideas, several meetings with Ms. Thomas, taking into consideration the fact that we are still in the middle of this pandemic, and in an effort to try to keep everyone safe, the Christmas Pageant will take place outdoors in the school parking lot on Thursday, Dec. 16th at 3pm. I understand the time might not be convenient, but we want to avoid having our students perform in the cold weather due to the low temperatures in the evening in the month of December. We want to be able to provide our school families with the presentation of the Christmas Pageant as safely as possible for our students, teachers, staff, and families. In an effort to keep everyone safe, the pageant will be similar to the spring musical. Students will be performing the songs instead of singing, since wearing the mask would make it very uncomfortable and difficult for them to sing. Removing the masks and having our students sing while standing right next to each other would not be safe. The pageant part of the presentation will be presented by our 8th grade students and Ms. Thomas and Coach Barraza will be singing the songs. Also to avoid a large group of people and to be able to implement a 3-6ft distance between families, we will have a limit of four guests per family. Tickets will be going home on Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Please check your child's backpack that day. There will be