



A Note From the Principal

Prayer: "O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this weath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. " Amen

Catherine Lucero
Principal
With God all things are possible



Report Cards for the 2nd quarter will be sent home on **Wednesday, December 20.** Keep monitoring your child's grades and be in contact with your child's teacher if you have any concerns..



On Tuesday, December 5 we will have a buck a jean day to support our sponsorship of our three pequenos from NPH. Thank you for your support.

We will have Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. All are encouraged to attend.



Mrs. Pena is one of our fifth grade teachers. She is a very experienced teacher and is extremely supportive to her students. She comes in early and stays late to help them. She is attending KINO classes through the Diocese of Phoenix to become a Master Catechist. It is a blessing that she is part of our OLP H family.

SCRIP Start buying SCRIP each week for Christmas. Before you know it you will have gift cards to go shopping with! Every family who participated in SCRIP the first quarter and purchased a minimum of \$250 is eligible for another \$25 gift card to Walmart. Thank you for your support.



We have entered the **Glendale Hometown Parade**. We will have a float in the parade also. The Parade takes place on Saturday, December 9 @ 10am. All students are welcome to walk with the float and if they wear a saint costume they can ride on the float. We will be singing Christmas Carols while we walk. Special location and time will be sent home soon.

The **OLPH Orff Orchestra** will perform on Thursday, December 14. Everyone is welcome to come and hear our new orchestra for the first time. The performance will be in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.



Our **Christmas break** will begin on Friday, December 22 and run through January 5. On December 21 we will dismiss. School will resume on January 8.

Those who did not pay their \$60 family obligation for the Festival or turned in their \$40 raffle, tickets will be billed on their December invoice.



Save the date for the **Progressive Christmas Dance on Friday, December 8**. Entrance to the dance is a baby item for Maggie's Place! Thank you for your generosity.

Preschool - 2nd grade 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 3rd - 5th grade 5:00- 7:00 p.m.
 6th - 8th grade 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Boys are to bring Capri Suns to share and girls are to bring a snack to share.



Our **Christmas Program** will be on the following dates:

December 18 for the 3rd - 8th grade
 December 19 for the Preschool - 2nd grade

We have sent home what each grade is to wear for a **costume**. If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher. Both performances begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Second Sunday of Advent



The **Advent Wreath** is made of evergreens formed in a circle with three purple candles and one rose colored candle. During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.