

Sacred Heart School Family Newsletter

December 20, 2017

Dear Families,

In a few days we will celebrate the birth of a child, a child who would grow to change the world. In an age when religious ideals are stripped from holiday celebrations, it is incumbent upon us as a community of believers to continue His mission.

Over 2000 years ago our ancestors prayed to God for a savior, someone to free them from servitude to the Roman Empire. We have more in common with our ancestors than we think. Today, while not held captive by others, we often find ourselves psychologically and emotionally enslaved, praying to God for freedom.

As the Jewish people would learn, the Savior was not a military leader sent to vanquish the Romans; we must learn that belief in Christ does not guarantee our freedom from hardship. As our ancestors came to know, we too must accept that change only comes when we free ourselves from bondage by giving our lives over to Christ, not in words, but in actions.

2000 years ago a child was born in Bethlehem, not as then, or today to make change, but to bring about change in the hearts and minds of a people, thereby changing the world. His work, as then, is today done through us, not for us. My prayer for each of us this Christmas season is that as we open presents, we continue to open our hearts to His love. As we share time with our loved ones, we forgive human failings and embrace that which we have in common. As we accept holiday greetings from others, we accept Christ's teachings into our lives. That today, the celebration of His birth be as relevant as His physical birth many centuries ago.

On behalf of the entire school staff, I want to wish each of our families the joy that God brings through the birth of His Son. May the next few weeks bring you peace, rest and a renewed life changed by the teachings of a baby in a manger.

In Partnership,
Mr. Bruzzio

Attachments:

- **DECEMBER TOY OUTREACH DRIVE ENDS TOMORROW!:** Our goal is to make sure that every child at Mecca School receives a Christmas gift this year. We simply ask that each child purchase a gift that they would like to receive for Christmas, no more than \$20, which we will in turn give to a child in Mecca. (Please, no gift cards, bicycles, books, battery operated toys, clothing or make-up). Please have your child bring their un-wrapped gift to their classroom tomorrow, December 15th. If you are a family with several children at the school, please know whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.
- **January 2018 Hot Lunch Order:** January Hot Lunch menus for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade are attached to this newsletter. The year 2018 will ring in before you know it! Additional order forms are available in the school office. Thursday, December 21st is the absolute deadline to get your orders in! Sorry, late orders will not be accepted.
- **Xavier's Golf Tournament - Swinging with the Classics:** Xavier College Prep would like to invite you to join us at our Annual Golf Tournament - "Swinging with the

Classics" event on Friday, January 12th, 2018. This event supports the Xavier Athletics Department. Golf begins at 11:00am followed by the cocktail reception at The Classic Club. There will be silent auction items, putting contest and delicious food and drink for your enjoyment. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact Ashley Tiedeman at atiedeman@xavierprep.org. Purchase your tee time today at www.xavierprep.org. We look forward to your attendance! Please join us!

Understudy Christmas Show will take place on Tuesday, December 19th, at 1:00pm in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Show Wednesday, December 20th: Our doors will open at 5:00 p.m. for Preschool families. The Preschool will begin its show at 5:30pm. Seating for the K-5 show will **not** begin until 6:00pm, after the Preschool performance. The Show Choir will kick off the Grades K-5 show at approximately 6:15pm. Principal characters need to report to Room 333 no later than 5pm for makeup. All other students in Grades K thru 5 should be in their classrooms no later than 6pm. All students in grades 2nd thru 5th should report directly to their classroom. Kindergarteners need to report to the school library, Room A. First Graders need to report to the art room, Room E.

8th Grade See's Candy: Our 8th grade class is selling See's Holiday Candy. You can purchase a variety of holiday items ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$22.00 each. Look for our 8th graders selling after all Masses this weekend, December 16th & 17th. See's Candy can also be purchased in the school office between the hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm. All proceeds raised by this sale will help the 8th grade class fund their end of the year/graduation expenses. Thank you for your support.

GALA 2018 SAVE THE DATE & Information – This school year's Gala is being held on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Renaissance Esmerelda Resort in Indian Wells. Our featured Guest Speaker is **Condoleezza Rice**. Tickets are \$200 a seat. We will begin selling outside the school office on Monday, December 18th. Please do not hesitate to contact Gina May Nestande at gnestande@sacredheartpalmdesert.com with any questions.

2018 FORD MUSTANG CAR RAFFLE - TICKETS GO ON SALE TODAY: This year our raffle car is a 2018 Ford Mustang. Sell 10 car raffle tickets and complete your FFA and Scrip requirements for the year! Each raffle ticket is \$100 and you can take on consignment. Earn \$100 credit towards your FFA for each ticket sold.

GALA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming Gala, our biggest fundraiser of the Year. This fundraiser helps offset the cost of tuition. We encourage every family to participate in some way with either your time and/or help bringing in Silent Auction Items. Donation form and solicitation letter are attached to this newsletter. You earn 10% FFA for the value of the item obtained. Please visit the signup genius pages listed below to volunteer.

- **GALA SILENT AUCTION WISH LIST SIGN UP:**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094baca82aa7fd0-gala4>

- **GALA VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET:**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094baca82aa7fd0-gala5>. This link is for parent volunteer sign ups only.
- **ATTN JR. HIGH PARENTS WHO ARE SIGNING UP WITH THEIR JR. HIGH STUDENTS TO SELL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS AT WEEKEND MASSES: Sign Up with your name and put your student's name in the comment box to show that both of you will attend the time slot(s).**
 - **STUDENTS MUST WEAR MASS UNIFORM.**
 - **CHILD'S OWN PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST REMAIN WITH STUDENT THE ENTIRE TIME - NO EXCEPTIONS! One parent CANNOT supervise another student, only his or her child.**
 - Students MAY NOT attend Mass during their scheduled volunteer times. They must remain at the table for the duration of their sign up.
 - Students may not volunteer during the week. ONLY Saturday or Sunday.

Spirit T-Shirt and Sock Day (No Cost) – Thursday, December 21st: The Student Council is sponsoring a Christmas Spirit T-Shirt day next Thursday, December 21st, for grades K through 8th. Students may wear a red, green, white or Christmas themed t-shirt and socks. No cost – Merry Christmas. Spirit T-shirt day guidelines are as follows:

- Red, green and/or white t-shirts, socks and hairbands with or without Christmas symbols.
- T-Shirts must be appropriate for a Catholic school.
- **School Uniform shorts (P.E. or regular), skorts, skirts or pants ONLY.**
- School uniform shoes only.
- If your child does not want to participate, please wear school uniform. This is not a Free Dress day.

There is still time to purchase Cash & Carry Scrip cards before Christmas: We currently have a good stock of Cash and Carry cards, in small denomination, available for purchase. Scrip sales will be open Friday, December 15th, and Monday, December 18th, from 7:45am and 8:15am There will be no scrip sales on Wednesday, December 20th. Scrip sales will resume Monday, January 8, 2018. Thank you for supporting the Scrip program.

IMPORTANT Uniform News! If you are missing any uniform pieces, be sure to check the Lost & Found located in front of the Library, next to Room B before we leave for Christmas break. All unmarked uniforms left in the Lost & Found after December 21st will be washed and donated to our Used Uniform Sales. Thank you.

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR DANCE AND THEATRE CLASSES- The deadline will be January 18th to register before we close all classes. We will begin working on our end of the year production starting mid-January. Please contact Julie Ann at jremirez1@hotmail.com for more information.

Vision and Hearing Screenings – January 11th: We will be offering vision and hearing

screening to students in grades 2, 5 & 8. Kindergarten students will receive only a vision screening at this time. Parents of children who need further evaluation will be referred to a specialist. Follow-up is an essential component of this program. If you do not want your child included in the vision and hearing testing, please notify the school office in writing prior to January 9th. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Spinney in the school office. Thank you.

Norman's Uniform Sale on campus Thursday, January 11th: Norman's Uniforms will be here at Sacred Heart School on Thursday, January 11th, from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm in the Gym. This is your chance to stock up on uniforms such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, long sleeved polos, jackets and fleece pullovers for the cooler weather. They will also be carrying a full inventory of everyday items such as shorts, oxford shirts, P.E. uniforms and short sleeved polos. Be sure to check out our new SHS Track style jacket and pants. These uniform pieces are the perfect solution to keep your child warm on P.E. days. The jacket can be worn on any day, the pants may only be worn on P.E. days. **Pay with a check or cash and receive 6% credit applied to your 17/18 scrip account.**

2018/2019 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION: Preliminary Applications will be accepted for new students wishing to enroll for the 2018/2019 school year beginning Monday, January 8th. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in enrolling a new student for next year, please stop by the school office on or after January 8th to pick up a preliminary application or call Mrs. Spinney at 346-3513. Please keep in mind that all children entering Kindergarten must be "5-years-old" by September 1st. This is not negotiable for us. Thank you.

JUNIOR HIGH SERVICE HOURS: NEW trimester, NEW Service Hours! **12 NEW DATES!**
We need to fill this weekend's toy drive at Albertsons Rancho Mirage! Students can earn up to 4 hours! 446 hours already offered in the 2nd trimester! Please check www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/outreach-calendar to sign up!
One new service hours opportunity for this weekend:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044dafa82aa46-caravan>

SHS Mom's Faith & Prayer invite you to join us to

Grow in our faith and encourage each other to walk with the Lord.

Praising and worshipping the Lord through prayer, song, scripture and sharing is the purpose of this group.

Thursdays 8:30-10:00am — Room 333

All are Welcome! Bring a friend.

Coffee and Snack provided

Questions-- text or message — [760-851-7643](tel:760-851-7643) Willena Martin

We pray the Rosary in the church weekly @ 2:30, finished in time for pick up. On Wednesday, December 20th, we will be joined by Ms. Monk's 1st grade homeroom. All are welcome to join us. Family Prayer for the week:

God, as a family we need Your help. Heal all the quarrels that exist in our family due to our un-forgiveness and lack of love for You. Heal our unbelieving and unconverted hearts and lead us to Your Sacred Heart with love. Amen.

Important SHS Links:

Sacred Heart School Parent Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sacred.Heart.PD.Parents>

Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49aea82ea20-hotlunch>

Watch Dog Volunteer Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c49aea82ea20-watch>

Cash & Carry Scrip Hours: Cash & Carry cards will be sold on Mondays and Fridays only, beginning at 7:45am in front of the school office. Orders brought to the school office by Wednesday mornings will be filled and ready for pick up Wednesday afternoons. Forms are available in the school office.

***Prayers are Requested for....** everyone serving in our Armed Forces, for Victoria Garcia, Ted Llewlyn; Harrison & Katie De Creny; Riley Rose Sherman; Ophelia Hernandez; Seamus McManus; and, for our families and others during these hard economic times.*

Upcoming Calendar Info:

12/20/17 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory

12/20/17 - Christmas Show

12/21/17 - School dismissed for Christmas Vacation; Minimum day 12noon dismissal; No Extended Care

12/22/17 – 1/7/18 Christmas Vacation - No School

1/8/18 - School Resumes (MONDAY)

1/10/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory

1/11/18 - Vision & Hearing Screenings for Grades K, 2, 5 & 8

1/11/18 - Norman's Uniform Sale; 2pm to 5pm; Gym

1/15/18 - NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

1/17/18 - 8:30am School Mass; Mass attire mandatory

1/19/18 - Snow Night; 6pm to 8pm