

Student Life Update
Celebrating the Advent Season

Week 2 of Advent: Candle of Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with us all. May the Peace of Christ live in the hearts of all people this Advent.

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus

Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

We are preparing to light the second candle on our Advent Wreaths, the candle of peace. During the upcoming week, we will especially be praying for peace in our world. The prayers of our children and the acts of kindness, we are seeing in our classrooms and hallways, make that long lasting difference in our community and world. When we witness the random acts of kindness, those not directed by others, but those that just come naturally from the heart, we know how truly blessed we are at St. Rose School!

This past week our older students made their Advent Reconciliation; knowing the most important preparation for the season is not our Christmas lists, decorations, and treats; but, preparing our hearts for Christ.

On Thursday, we brought the goodness of St. Nicholas to our school community, lead by our Student Ambassadors. Some of our Student Ambassadors gathered on Wednesday afternoon to prepare over 200 candy canes to distribute on Thursday morning. The surprises of the sweet treat and St. Nicholas blessing of the Candy Canes were delivered by our ambassadors to each classroom so that we could share the joy of the season and meaning of the candy cane with our

children.

I want to thank the ambassadors for giving their time to help spread the real meaning of the season during these weeks of Advent. I look forward to working with them during the school year as we support our school theme of kindness and the core values that are the foundation of our school mission.

We are busy decking the halls and classrooms and doors in our school. Two St. Rose Family Christmas trees have been setup in the foyers of the main entrance and Gathering Hall. While we have a few shiny ornaments on each one; we would like to make these true family trees and so we are inviting each student to bring a homemade, or possibly an ornament from their collection, that they no longer put on their tree, to add to our family trees. These will be collected in the classroom, and next week we will have our Student Ambassadors bring the children to visit the trees and add their ornaments!

Our room parents will be contacting you soon as we get ready for our annual Christmas service project of adopt-a-family. While it is not always easy having the children being part of the shopping for the gifts, it is important that they are a part of the activity and connected to the joy we will be sending to our adopted families. Our children will be making wrapping paper, tags, and cards; please watch teacher newsletters and emails from room parents regarding supplies you can donate to help with our efforts.

We continue to look forward to the many ways our classrooms and halls will be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Advent season as we celebrate:

The week of December 10...

Our Preschool Christmas Concert

8th Grade Trip to NYC

Buddy Gingerbread Building with our Preschool and 4th Graders

Adopt-a-family Service Project

The week of December 17...

Class Christmas Parties to prepare for the Christmas break

Christmas Concert

School Community Christmas Mass (Dress up day in your Sunday best)

Buddy Bingo and Christmas Caroling

Adopt-a-family

Sharing smiles of the season!

Wishing you time to pause this week to enjoy the peace of the season!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. B