

From the Halls of St. Paul's

December 4, 2020

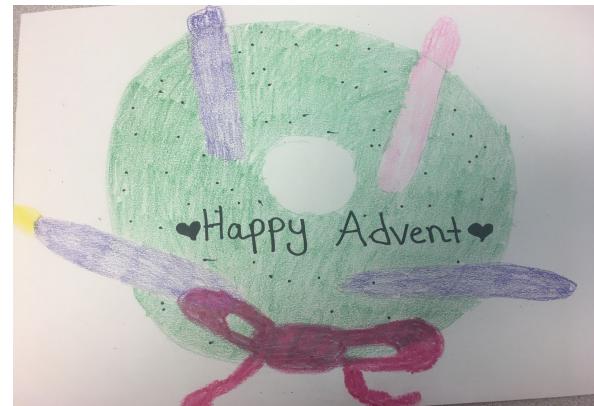
Mission Day

We celebrated our first week of Advent with other schools in the Archdiocese of Boston by participating in Mission Day on Thursday. Students in Grades 3-8, Zoomed with the **Missionary Childhood Association**.

In 1951, now Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, then National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, envisioned the World Mission Rosary. Speaking as part of his weekly radio program, The Catholic Hour, Archbishop Sheen gave each decade of beads a different color, representing a different area of the world where missionaries continue to share the Good News of Jesus: n **Green** symbolizes the forests and grasslands of Africa; n **Blue** is for the ocean surrounding the Islands

of the Pacific; n White stands for Europe, home of the Holy Father, first missionary of the Church; n **Red** reflects the fire of faith that brought the first missionaries to the Americas, and n **Yellow** is for the morning light of the East, for Asia. As you pray the World Mission Rosary, you call to mind the great needs of our mission family.

Students heard from missionaries from Zambia and Ireland as well as Cardinal Sean O'Malley. They also made chaplets and prayed for children around the world.



By Lucy Disch

Congratulations SPS Stars!

SPS is proud of our three middle school students who placed 1st,

2nd and 3rd in the VFW Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest. Winners were seventh grader Megan Naughton (1st), eighth graders Brin Abate (2nd) and Brynn Laing (3rd). This essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. This year's theme:

What is Patriotism to Me?

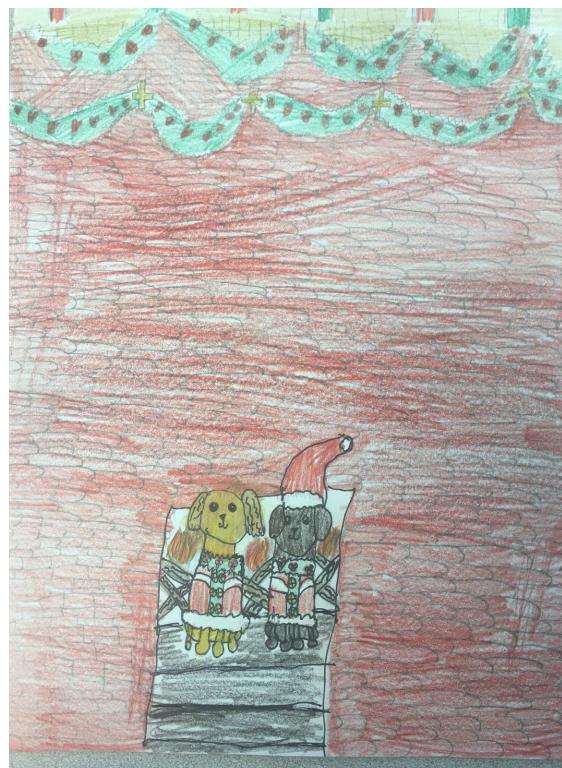
Lunch Menu

Mon - Buttermilk Pancakes/bacon/orange wedges
Tues - Mozzarella Sticks with marinara sauce/bread sticks
orange wedges
Wed - Meatball Sub/Doritos
Treat- sugar cookie
Thurs - Chicken Tenders/Happy Face Fries/oranges

Fun Facts About Christmas Trees

Christmas trees used to hang like chandeliers in Poland!

Don't be alarmed if you see a tree hanging upside down from the ceiling. This trend actually originated in medieval times, according to [The Spruce](#). Legend goes that a Benedictine monk used the triangle shape of the inverted tree to explain the Holy Trinity to pagans. But the idea really took off in the 1900s in Poland with *podłazniczek*, a custom where Polish people decorated the branches with fruit, nuts, and ribbons, then [hung the tree from the ceiling!](#)



By Lia Davey

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations? You get tinselitus!

