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Kindergarten News

Advent: A Time of Preparation

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to reflect on your many blessings. Ms. De-Vito and I are grateful that you share your greatest blessings, your children, with us here at St. Aloysius School. Each day is a new day full of discovery here in the Kindergarten, and we feel truly blessed to work with such special children and their families.

This week the Kindergarteners have been learning about the season of Advent, which begins this weekend. Advent is a "season" in our Church where we get ready for the birth of Jesus and the Coming of our Lord. Monday morning, December 4th, we will gather with the entire school community to light the first candle on the advent wreath. The first candle represents "hope". This will be a Monday morning ritual before we break for the Christmas recess and is just one of the many customs here at St. Aloysius School that helps us to teach the true meaning of Christmas.

Another St. A's tradition is the annual Christmas Pageant. It is on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Each class presents a song that complements the production of the Living Nativity that is acted out by the Second and Eighth Graders (the two "sacrament year classes.") It is a "command performance" and the children are asked to be dressed in their "Christmas Best" that night.

You should have received a paper "angel" and some information about the Angel Program here at St. A's before Thanksgiving. Each St. A's student is asked to do a good deed or deeds to earn some money (around \$15) to buy a toy for a child in need who lives in Connecticut. Please wrap the gift and bring it in with the paper angel taped to the top. Thanks for your help in helping our fortunate children learn the joy of giving to others less fortunate, right here in CT.

Lastly, we hope our Kindergarten moms will join us on Thursday, December 21 at 1:15 in the Kindergarten Classroom for some serious Christmas crafting! Your invitation is coming soon but please save the date!

There is much excitement and anticipation brewing in the Kindergarten.

Advent and Christmas are magical here!

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Special points of interest:

- December 6th, Feast of St. Nicholas celebration in the Kindergarten
- Friday, December 8th, NO SCHOOL for Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Thursday, December 14, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant in the Church.
- Thursday, December 21, 1:15 Christmas Crafting with moms in the Kindergarten Classroom
- Friday, December 22, 11:30 Early Dismissal for Christmas Break