

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S PEN
12/12/2018

*The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today
Love, the guest, is on the way.*



With Christmas right around the corner, the students of Sacred Heart have been learning about Advent and have been busy preparing for our Lord's coming. In anticipation of this special holy day, our Christmas tree has been lit and our classroom doors have been decorated. Some of our classrooms even have an Elf on the Shelf to remind everyone of the proper behavior necessary to get presents from Santa on Christmas morning. But they know in their hearts the true meaning of Christmas. While Advent is a time of preparation and hope, Christmas is a time of Giving. Our 1st graders are having a Pajama Drive to collect PJs for needy children in the area, and the classes just sent more than \$700 to UNICEF. Our Christmas Boutique is tomorrow, Friday. A separate letter was sent home with info on this. Several classes have been coming up with their own ideas to raise money for Our Father's Kitchen and Our Mother's Cupboard. It is refreshing to hear the excitement they share while talking about helping others in need.

Next Tuesday, December 18th is our Christmas Pageant. Fr. Tom has given us permission to celebrate this wonderful event in the Church as it is our hope to have a more religious overtone to the evening. The band will assemble in the Choir Loft and each class will sit in assigned seats on the far right and far left of the church. Fourth grade parents will have reserved seats on both sides of the center isle. All other parents will fill in just behind them. We ask that all cell phones be turned off and everyone recognize and respect the fact that we are in church. Mrs. Regenauer's "New Directions Choir" will lead off followed by the Band and then the Christmas Pageant will begin. All students must be in the church in their assigned seats by

6:45pm. I am attaching a letter addressing appropriate attire for this event. We are all looking forward to this celebration and the possible start of a new tradition here at SHS.

On Thursday, December 20th, students will participate in DeSTEMber Day. Classes will combine their knowledge of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with their creative spirit to design all sorts of things. There will be a competition between classes for a fun filled day.

Our 8th Grade Class will sponsor a \$1 Dress Down Day on Friday, December 21st. This will be our Crazy Christmas Sweater Competition. Students can wear their Craziest Christmas Sweaters and take part in the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade (K through 8). This has been a fun event over the past few years and is becoming a tradition that students enjoy.

