

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

DECEMBER 21, 2023

Thank you so much for thinking of all of us during the Advent Season! All of the Staff at St. Mary's Elementary School wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!



Thank you to all of the families who brought in cookies and/or juice boxes for our Cookie Social. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Early Release

As a reminder, Wednesday, January 10, is an early release day. Dismissal will begin at 1:25 pm and end at 1:40 pm.

***After school care and bussing WILL NOT be available.**

Camel Alert: Kindergarten students have been learning about the traditions surrounding "Three Kings' Day" in Spanish speaking countries while first through fifth graders are quickly reviewing what they learned in Kindergarten. Each classroom will prepare for *The Three Kings* to visit our school on the Eve of Epiphany, January 5th. Many of our students enjoy participating in the traditions surrounding *The Three Kings* at home as well. I always tell students that the decision lies with their parents on "whom" is allowed to visit each house on the Eve of the Epiphany. I like to advise families prior to Christmas break so they can be prepared if their child(ren) has questions.

Have a blessed Christmas Season!

Señora Lynne Larabee.

For more information please see: <https://www.regiscatholicschools.com/staff/lynne-larabee/parent-resources/>

It's Jump Roping Time!

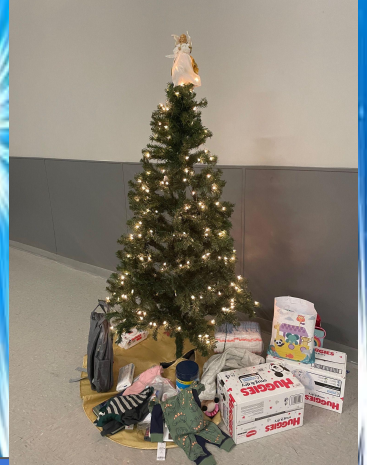
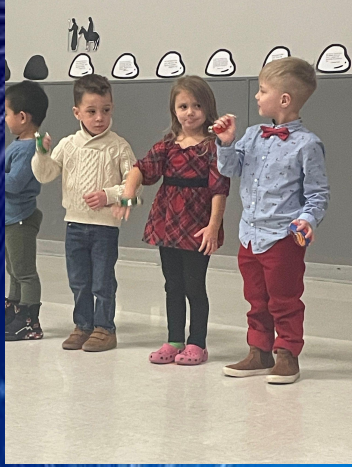
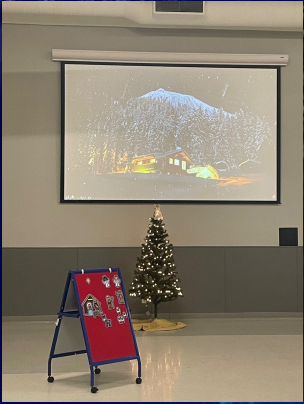
Jump ropes will be sold in the Parish Hall on MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS from 8:15-8:30 through January 17th.

The cost per jump rope is \$1. Those that qualify in first through fifth grade will compete during the school wide ***Jump Rope Contest on Wednesday, January 17th at 2 pm in the Parish Hall.*** Please join us if you are able to attend. More details will be available after Christmas break.



Merry Christmas!

Happy Birthday Jesus



Advent Program



Sick Policy

As we come back from Christmas break, we want to ensure the health of our staff and students. If your child is vomiting, has diarrhea, and/or a fever of 100.3 or higher, he or she must stay home until he/she is free of these symptoms, **without the aid of medication, for 24 hours**. Along with the 24-hour rule, we practice frequent hand washing and other hygienic measures with the students, as well as taking extra care to disinfect toys and clean our classrooms as preventative measures.

Giving your child medication to mask the symptoms of an illness is unacceptable and puts our staff and other students at risk. With your help, we can all keep our hallways healthy!

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, January 5th - 5th Grade

Friday, January 12th - 4th Grade

Friday, January 19th - 3rd Grade

Friday, January 24th - 2nd Grade

**Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/22-1/2

1/3

1/8

1/10

1/13

1/15

1/16

1/17

1/24

No School - Christmas Break

Classes Resume

5th Grade Shadow Day

1:30 Early Release (**No after school care or bussing**)

Father-Daughter Dance

No School

Quest for Kindness Field Trip K-5

Jump Rope Contest

All School Mass



Merry Christmas!

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