

# SHSF DECEMBER NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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## Advent Season

The Season of Advent starts this coming Sunday, December 3rd. Advent is a time of preparation as we patiently wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The season of Advent is a time of joyful expectation! As we wait for the celebration of the birth of Christ, we prepare by giving a little more to those less fortunate, we bake and decorate, and we think of gifts for those we hold near to our hearts.

Please remember to have conversations with your children about the meaning behind all the celebrations and to take time to appreciate the true reason for this beautiful season.

During Morning Prayer, we will light the Advent Wreath and prepare for the wonder that is about to happen — the coming of our Lord! Because we know what Jesus' life holds, we know how magnificent this particular birthday is. We hope your hearts are full of joy and peace this Christmas.



## Student– Led Conferences

Teachers and students have been working hard preparing for their conferences. Please remember that each teacher may have a different style to their conferences but that the purpose is to share each student's strengths and struggles. Please listen to your children as they take ownership over their learning. We come together as a team, families and school, to help each student reach their goals for the year. It is powerful to make these conferences similar to a roundtable conversation that includes the student as an active participant.

Conferences will take place next week (December 4th-8th) and you should have heard from your child(ren)'s teacher to schedule. If you have not heard, please do not hesitate to reach out.

## Afterschool Program Wishlist:

Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Greenslet, and Mrs. Belluzzi are so grateful for any donations to our afterschool program. The afterschool program benefits many working families.

- Playdough
- Masking Tape
- Scotch Tape
- White Paper Plates
- Games: Twister, UNO
- Cotton Balls & Pom Poms (any size)
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Crayola Markers
- Tennis Balls
- Pipe Cleaners
- Building Blocks

*Thank  
you*

## Important Dates in December

Wednesday, December 6th—  
Christmas Tree Lighting  
6:00pm at School

Friday, December 8th—  
Holy Day of Obligation  
The Immaculate Conception

Thursday & Friday, December 7&8  
Noon Dismissal  
Student-led Conferences

Thursday, December 14th—  
Middle School Holiday Concert  
6:30pm at Parish Center

Friday, December 15th—  
Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night  
Christmas Program (PK-5)  
6:30pm at the Church

Wednesday, December 20th—  
Monday, January 1st  
Christmas Break

# Our Holiday Happenings...

## Christmas Tree Lighting

Our Christmas Tree Lighting, featuring some friends from the North Pole, will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00pm at the school!

We are looking for families to donate cookies for the event. If you are able to bring a dozen or two, please drop the off at the school anytime next week (before Wednesday evening).



## Middle School Holiday Concert

Our Middle School Band, Chorus, and Musical Theater classes will be presenting what they've been working on so hard this first Trimester.

Join us on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm at the Parish Center.

CRAZY, BUSY,  
PEACEFUL,  
HOLY NIGHT



Our Kindergarten through Fifth Grades, with a special introduction by our preschoolers, have been preparing each day for the past month to present to our friends, families, and community a musical performance that reminds us to center ourselves and remember what exactly we should be focusing on during the Christmas season.

Students in K-5 are to wear nice, Christmas attire and meet in the Chapel of the Church *no later than 6:15pm* on Friday, December 15th. Preschoolers will find seats with their families and then gather with Mrs. Becker just before the show starts in the entryway of the church.

We kindly ask all families and friends not to arrive prior to 6:00pm. We look forward to sharing this special evening with all of you. **Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night, as presented by The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, is set to begin at 6:30pm.**

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is built up with sweatshirts and fleeces, winter gear, etc. Please take a moment when you drop off/pick up your child to check it out. Once we break for Christmas, all uniform items will go into our storage and everything else will be donated.

Please remember to also label all tags with names so when items are found we can return them to their rightful owner.



Collect aluminum can tabs! We will have a classroom competition to see which grade can collect the most between now and February break. Tabs will be given to the Lions Club and given to help with Childhood Cancers.

Happy New Year 2024



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Our PTG will be working hard on organizing our beloved Basket Bingo and Auction events that are quickly approaching. All families are invited to attend PTG meetings. Our next meetings are:

Monday, December 4th at 5:00pm:  
Focused on Basket Bingo

Monday, December 11th at 6:00pm:  
Focused on Auction

All who are interested in volunteering to make these events successful are welcome to join.

PTG