

# SHSF DECEMBER NEWS

Experiencing Joy through Faith, Family, and Community

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## Season of Advent

The Season of Advent started this past Sunday, November 28th. We patiently wait to celebrate the birth of Jesus as our ancestors waited hundreds of years for Jesus, the Messiah, to be born. 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. Have conversations with your children about the meaning behind all the celebrations and appreciate the true reason for the 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!

## Christmas Tree Lighting

This year's school Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00pm. Mrs. Webster has been working with students on hymns and carols that can be sung all together! Due to the rise of COVID cases and the limited space around the school tree, masks will be required for this event. Bring the family by and celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary and the coming of Jesus as a school community!

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

As explained in last month's newsletter, parent teacher conferences are this month! We will have half days of school on Thursday and Friday, December 9th and 10th for conferences. Students will be dismissed at noon. If you did not hear from a teacher regarding a conference, please reach out to them to schedule one if you feel one is necessary. Your participation and collaboration in your child's learning is essential to their success. Report cards will be emailed to families by the beginning of next week. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask at your conference.



## Important Dates for December

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

Wednesday, December 8th— School Christmas Tree Lighting at 6pm

Thursday & Friday, December 9th & 10th— Noon dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Christmas Vacation— Monday, December 20th—Friday, December 31st.

*Merry Christmas!*

**School will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022**



## Picture Retake Day



**DECEMBER 14th**

## COVID-19: Keep Children Home!

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is not going away and it is imperative that we do all that we can to keep our students healthy. At this point, all children ages 5 and up can be vaccinated and we recommend vaccination **and** keeping your child home anytime they're feeling unwell. If children exhibit symptoms at school, parents will be notified and the child will be sent home.



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*