

Holy Rosary Saints

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Dec. 9, 2019

December Virtue - Gratitude

To Live, Love, and Learn with Jesus Christ as our Model

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec. 9

Music

- Dec. 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Advent Penance Service, 1:00 pm

'Mindset' Parent Workshop, 6:00-7:30 pm

Choir, 3:00 pm

- Dec. 13

Mass, 8:30 am, 3/4

Float Build/Construction, 3:00-6:00 pm at BJ Heating and Air

- Dec. 14

Woodland Holiday Parade, 10:00 am parade start

Christmas Parade Float

Our float is beginning to take shape, thank you to all those who have been able to help with the building and construction. We have one more work day, Friday, Dec. 13 from 3:00-6:00 pm (or until it is complete), we can use all the help we can get! Our Float theme is, **"Let His Word Unwrap the Magic of Christmas."** Thank you to Kari and Deron Cordero for their wonderful leadership with this fun, family event! Also, thank you to Ernesto Torres who is able to supply the truck and trailer, and Bob and Nancy Johnson who have opened up a bay in their BJ Heating and Air shop to store and build the float. The Parade will be on Main St. in Woodland, and will begin Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:00 am. We will be sending out more information later this week including permission slips and details as to how students/families can participate with the float.

Annual Christmas Program: "Sing a Song of Christmas"

Students of HRS have been very busy rehearsing in music class in preparation for the Annual Christmas Program! It is always a joy to see the students perform, and we hope you can join us as TK-8th grades present "Sing a Song of Christmas," a musical celebration of Christ's birth! There will be lots of music, an audience sing along and even hot chocolate to end the evening! The program will begin at 6:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 18, and will be in the Parish Community Center.

6th Annual Crab Feed Jan. 11, 2020

You will be treated to an all you can eat beef, chicken and crab dinner at our 'More than Just A Crab Feed!' Doors open at 5:00

pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$50/person and are available in the school office. A special thank you goes out to the Pitto Family for their leadership and efforts with this fundraiser. This event has sold out the past couple of years, make sure you get your tickets early! All proceeds from this event will be used to fund tuition assistance scholarships.



Advent Service Projects

We thank our students who have been organizing and planning service projects to help others in need during the holidays. Please don't feel obligated to participate in all of the activities.

Students from grades 3-6 collected items for our U.S. Air Force men and women deployed overseas. The are collected toiletries, gums and mints, healthy snacks and home-made cards. A special thanks goes out to Bik Sran and Quick Stop for their efforts in supporting this project. US Air Force Captain Chesney picked up the donations last week.

Students from grade 7 are collecting food and money that will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul Society here in Woodland. The drive will run from Dec. 2—13. The grade who raises the most will receive a special surprise.

Students from grade 8 are collecting toys to be given to disadvantaged children of Mustard Seed School in Sacramento. Gifts should be dropped off in the 8th grade classroom by Dec. 16.

Students from grades 1 & 2 have had to reschedule their visit to Cottonwood Post-acute Rehab Center due to inclement weather, date TBD.



Activities in the Classrooms

7/8—In Religion the students are studying Advent and all the traditions of the Advent wreath. In Science students are studying Darwin's observations, where he compared known animals to animals he had not seen. In Algebra, students are solving equations with absolute value. In Pre-algebra, students are writing, solving and graphing inequalities. In Literature, students will be reading Charles Dickens Christmas Carol as well as the play Romeo and Juliet. In History, students are studying Muslim customs.



3/4—This week in religion students learned about the meaning of Advent and created paper wreaths. On Thursday they learned all about St. Nicholas and created a small version of him, while patiently waiting for his arrival on Friday morning. In science, students are working on their Project Lead the Way brain project. In social studies 4th graders are learning about California's first explorers and realizing how travel today is so much safer and cleaner than in the past. While 3rd graders are understanding what legends and customs are.



Advent wreath and each of the colors of the candles, lighting the first purple candle of Hope, and reading each of the six-day windows of our Advent calendar. The students worked on a packet that additionally explained the meaning of the Advent wreath and candles. They also each made a flat paper Advent wreath which is displayed

outside our classroom. St. Nick visited HRS on his day of celebration. Students found candy in their shoes which were removed before recess in anticipation of his visit. What a lot of excitement! The kindergartners were introduced to Christmas Reader's Theater, so they are learning how to read their part of the play with a partner and will be reading it to the TKers and possibly to another class. Students enjoyed Make It-Write It, a time when students can make whatever they wish, choosing anything in the classroom, and when complete, kindergartners draw what they made and



then write about it in their journals. A couple of TKer's wanted to participate in the writing, as well. Last week before Thanksgiving, the students made a class book, I Am Thankful for... in which they drew a picture and described in writing their thoughts on being thankful. A lot of them were thankful for their families.



5/6—Students attended the Mareello Advent Retreat to learn more about the meaning of Advent. They



worked on team building activities, reflection, and even played a game of Jeopardy to review what they learned that day. They were great role models and representation of our school. After learning about Advent in Religion, the retreat, and through handouts, students wrote a reflection paper on the meaning of Advent to them. In math, 5th grade learned about numerical



expressions, patterns, and relationships. They ended the week by working on their review and will be taking their test next week. In 6th grade math students are learning about integers and rational numbers.

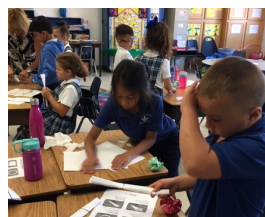
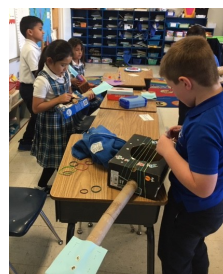
1/2— After reading “Sounds of Trash”, first and second graders created instruments with using recycled and natural materials such as: water bottles, card-



board tubes, construction paper, cardboard boxes, paper plates, blue tape and

rubber bands, beans and rice.

They made guitars, maracas, and drums and performed a short concert for the kindergarten class singing, “Sing a Song of Christmas.” Students also performed for the morning assembly on Thursday. We discussed items from our class agenda notebook during our Class Meeting time. Students designated a time-keeper and a recorder. One problem at a time was discussed, then they came up with solutions.



Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12

An elder Mexican man makes his way to Mass in the early morning twilight of December 9, 1531. He is a peasant, a simple farmer and laborer, and he has no education. Born under Aztec rule, he is a convert to Catholicism, and each step he takes this morning is a step into history. The morning quiet is broken by a strange music that he will later describe as the beautiful sound of birds. Diverting his path to investigate the sound, Juan Diego comes face to face with a radiant apparition of the Virgin Mary...

In the near future...

Woodland Holiday Parade, Dec. 14

Christmas Program in Parish CC, Dec. 18

Christmas Holiday, Dec. 23— Jan. 3, 2020

Crab Feed, Jan. 11, 2020