



December 17, 2021

Dear Old Mission School Parents,



Last Sunday was the third Sunday of Advent, and we lit the pink “Gaudete” candle for joy! This Sunday is the final Sunday of Advent, and the theme is love. God’s love for us came as a baby born in Bethlehem, Emmanuel, God with us.

Thank you to all who supported the 7th-grade “sock drive.” We exceeded our goal of 400 pairs, almost 500! We will continue to collect coats for kids and adults to support Patrick Ornellas’s 7th-grade service project after the break. We have collection bins in the main office and the Annex.

Each class was also able to purchase gifts for needy families from the Giving Tree. We utilize the tithing from our Friday morning assemblies for this service.

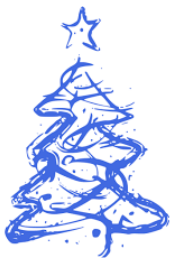
Today was our final Advent performance by third grade. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we tried to navigate the “progressive” program amidst the welcome, if inconvenient, rain.

Our kindergarten will perform their Nativity Play in Mission church this morning. This is always so sweet and memorable!

Today is a minimum dismissal day with no ASA.

As we head into the Christmas break, just a quick reminder that we will resume class with students on Tuesday, January 4th. (Teachers have a professional development day on Monday).

Finally, on behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I want to thank you for your support and all of the yummy treats and special gifts. We wish you a joyous celebration of Christ’s birth and a New Year filled with blessings, health, and peace.



**Merry Christmas!**

--Shirley Gray

