

# HIGHLIGHTS

## St. Anthony-St. Paul

### Early Childhood Campus

#### December, 2020 Issue

Dear Families,

Advent is here and we await the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that God our Father shows us holy places where we can pray and holy people to teach us so that we may grow each day in faith, hope and love. You are all in our prayers during this Advent season and always.

The value for the month of December is joy. Scripture tells us You will show me the path to life abounding joy in your presence...(Psalm 16:11) This month we prepare for the birth of Christ by learning about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

#### Events:

Mystery Reader--We will have another mystery reader day on December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a mystery reader in your child's classroom, please reach out to their teacher. Thank you to Viviana Garcia the mom of Cecelia for being the mystery reader during the month of November in Ms. Sainato's class.

Christmas Concert--This year we will have a virtual Christmas show. The recording for this show will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher will tell you how to send your child dressed for the performance on that day. The show will debut on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Christmas raffle- Four winners will be chosen to win a Christmas basket. Raffle tickets are only \$1 each or six for \$5. Send your raffle form back by December 18<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win.

Dress Down Day--December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a free ugly sweater dress down down.

#### Distant Learning Day:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are preparing ourselves to go fully remote in the event Governor Cuomo asks our district to shut down. Attendance was terrific on our distant learning day. You all were able to log into zoom and SeeSaw. As a reminder all students that are remote must log in to zoom each day to be marked in attendance for the day.

We are enhancing our Pre-Kindergarten remote program by having all student log into morning meeting each day as well as the story time. After morning meeting the in-person students go into centers to "learn through play." At this time the teacher sits with individual students to teach a lesson. The full time distant learners will also be included in these lessons. We are improving our distant learning program each day. We thank you for your feedback and patience as this is a new way of learning for everyone.

**Blessings to all!**

## Important Dates:

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Workshop @ 6pm via Zoom

December 4<sup>th</sup> Half Day 11am

December 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 12<sup>th</sup> Feast day of La Virgen de Guadalupe

December 16<sup>th</sup> Progress report go home

December 17<sup>th</sup> Mystery Reader Day

December 21<sup>st</sup> Debut of Virtual Christmas Concert

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Basket Raffle

December 23<sup>rd</sup> Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day

December 24 – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Recess

### REMINDERS

- Please pay your tuition on time to avoid late fees. Tuition is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.
- Make sure you are signed into SeeSaw for your child.

**COVID Protocol Reminder**— Remember if your child exhibits any symptoms below related to Covid including but not limited to runny nose and coughing we must have a doctor's note stating these symptoms are not related to the Covid virus. **Please do not send your child to school if they have any of these symptoms.** They will be sent home until we have the doctor's note.

- Fever or chills
- Runny nose/Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Every person must **sign a new COVID screening** form each month. Please see the attached form.

# Catholic Identity

# Classroom Chatter

## An Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen

### Week 1 - Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.



### Week 2 - Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we meet, especially those who need it most. Amen.

### Week 3 - Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we always know of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

### Week 4 - Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we thank you for your great love for each of us. Let your love touch everyone we meet. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Pre-Kindergarten—Beginning their investigation of buildings. There are many different types of buildings to discover. What are buildings made from? Why are some materials stronger than others? These are just a few of the questions the students will be able to discuss at the end of our unit.

Kindergarten—During religion we are learning about the birth of Jesus and why we celebrate him during the season of Christmas.

First grade—During math we are learning how to problem solve using the CUBES method. Ask your child what CUBES means. We are also focused on the birth of Christ. We are very excited for Christmas.

## Spotlight on Staff

We welcome Ms. McLie Mayard as an Aide. She will work with Ms. Sainato's pre-kindergarten students. Ms. Mayard graduated from Ramapo High School and is currently studying at Rockland Community College and is excited to be able to assist Ms. Sainato in the classroom.

I also like to take this moment to thank Mr. Peter and Ms. Yaskari our custodial staff for all their assistance throughout the day. Mr. Peter and Ms. Yaskari spend their day disinfecting and keeping all areas of our building tidy for the students. Mr. Peter has also helped to put a smile on all our faces by helping us decorate for all holidays.