



Weekly News for the Week of November 30, 2020

This Week at SMS

Monday, November 30th

- Advent Angels begins

Tuesday, December 1st

Wednesday, December 2nd

- Trimester 1 ends, grades close

Thursday, December 3rd

- [Dining for Dollars at Dean Park Pizza](#)

Friday December 4th

Upcoming Events

11/21 – 12/6: [SMPA Holiday Jingle Jog Fundraiser](#)

12/5: [SMPA Fundraiser at Danielson's Flowers](#)

12/10: Faculty Meeting, 3pm

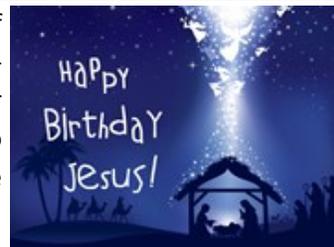
12/11: Report Cards Sent Home



Project-Based Learning in Grade 7 and 8

Each month Miss Strohecker, Mrs. Ethier, and Mr. Sifferman plan an interdisciplinary project for the seventh and eighth graders and this month's project-based learning lesson was focused around debate. Students prepared for and participated in three-sided debates with the topics of the electoral college, the current school set up, and the function of zoos. This project aimed to build students' research skills, especially in giving their research an authentic focus. In addition, the medium of debate allowed students to work on their public speaking and persuasive writing skills, particularly forming a claim, reasoning, and evidence.

The twinkle of Christmas lights reminds us if we look hard enough, there is always something wonderful to celebrate. Some of our traditional school Christmas activities need to be retired for this year, but the teachers are finding new ways to celebrate the season!



In honor of Thanksgiving, last week the third grade wrapped up their study of Native Americans (for Native American Heritage Month) by participating in a STEM project. Students were required to design and build a shelter to protect a Wampanoag from wind (fan test), rain (spray bottle test), and snow (weight test).

During the Advent season, our students will learn what it means to be an Advent Angel. This week they will choose the name of a member of our school community. They are asked to pray for that person and create a homemade Christmas card for them that will be brought into school by December 11th. These cards will then be presented on the last day of school before vacation.



Don't forget to clean out those closets and support the 7th grade service project! Students who bring clean, gently used coats and winter garments will receive a ticket that will be entered into a raffle for an out of uniform day. Due to Covid precautions, all items must be in a bag and labeled with the student's name. Click [here for the details](#).