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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all those who generously gave to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! All the food collected has been delivered to the Yonkers Food Pantry.

Half Day of School on Friday, December 1st. Dress Down Charity of the Month – Toy Drive for the SAIL Institute at Ferncliff Manor. Students in Pre-K 4 and up who bring in a toy may dress down on Friday and will receive a treat. Students in Pre-K 3 who bring in a toy will receive a treat. Toys may be brought in until Friday, December 8th.

Saturday, December 2nd, is the day for **decorating St. Mark's Church**. If you would like to come to help us set up the three trees in the chancel and put the wreaths on the walls and in the windows, we begin at 9:00 AM. The more hands we have, the quicker it gets done!

Saturday, the 2nd is also the day of the **Woodlawn Tree Lighting**. Our School Chorus joins with the choir of St. Barnabas School to sing at the Tree Lighting. We invite any other students from grades 1-8 to join them. We will meet in Room 200 at 3:15 PM to go over the songs.

Christmas Boutique - Sponsored by the PTL.

Thursday, Dec. 7th - The children shop between 8:30 and 3:00 with their classes. Volunteers are needed to help the children shop. All gifts are wrapped. We need your help to make this successful!

Friday, Dec. 8th - The Boutique continues - Vendors, a Visit from Santa, Refreshments, and Raffles. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Midquarter is December 15. Progress reports will be sent home on December 22.

Carol Sing – Our annual Christmas program - Wednesday, Dec. 20.
The Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten service will begin at 4:00 PM.
The service for Grades 1-8 will begin at 5:30 PM.
The teachers and PTL will host a reception between the two services.

This year's theme – "Christmas Around the World."

All children are expected to be in attendance.

THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON DECEMBER 20!

In order to maximize the parental enjoyment of the Carol Sing and to minimize the anxieties of the children, photographs may only be taken from your seats in the pews. Do not come forward to take pictures or record. It is disruptive to our Christmas service and to the children. It blocks the view of the children and other parents and the confusion easily upsets the younger children.

Friday, December 22 - Last day of school before Christmas vacation. This is a half day of school. Dismissal is at 11:30 AM. **There is NO Aftercare on this day!** Chapel is at 8:30 followed by the Christmas Assembly. The children will have their Christmas parties after that. Children do not exchange gifts with each other in school.

Spirit Day – Friday, December 22. Wear holiday red or green or wear Christmas clothing!

The Faculty and Staff wish you a blessed Christmas season!



