

*Sacred Heart School*  
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Value of the Month: Compassion



Advent is the Season of Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. My Faculty and Staff wish you and yours a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas. I am sure you are all doing that last minute shopping, baking and Christmas tree decorating (I know I am) but take a moment to remember that “Jesus is the Reason for the Season.”

On the evening of December 11<sup>th</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> graders treated us to their heavenly version of “The First Christmas.” No one can deny that their joyous hearts were filled with the love and excitement only faith can bring. I have so many people to thank for that special evening. Miss Valastro and Ms. Monkash collaborated to bring “The First Christmas” to life. Thank you.



Msgr. McCallen Hall was beautifully decorated for this joyous occasion. If you remember, our Christmas Tree was donated a few years ago by Mrs. Joan Nevin (Michael and Ryan’s grandmother). It is the most beautiful tree we have ever had here at SHS. It was made more beautiful by Mrs. Sharon Mangonon who chose the red and white candy cane theme to decorate the tree this year. Decorations in the hall were the handiwork of Roly and Sharon Mangonon with the assistance of Maristella Nevin. They have been working together over the past few years on many other occasions to decorate our gym. Last Monday it could not have been more festive with twinkling lights, holly and poinsettias on the walls and windows. It certainly added to this festive evening. Even the Christmas Angels accented the Halls.

The following day was the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Many Hispanic members of our community were delighted to see the decorations too! It added to their celebration.

Our Seventh graders ran a fundraising activity on Friday and Monday. This was a “Kids Go Shopping” event. We have hosted this kind of event over the years but I ended it a few years back because the quality of the items was poor. This year, however, Jonathan Stone’s mother, Trish Stone, brought many quality items from her store, “The Gift Box” in town for our students to purchase. Everything was really nice and the children had lots of fun shopping for mom, dad, nana and grandpa. Thank you Mrs. Stone for making this event a success.

On Friday afternoon, all the grades got together in the gym for our DeSTEMber Day. This was a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math competition where each grade was broken into teams...red, yellow, blue and green... They were tasked with creating towers, bridges, catapults ect. Points were awarded to the teams that built the tallest tower, strongest bridge, best goal post, and the color team that received the most overall points won the competition. It was very competitive and lots of fun.

Grades 3 to 8 were able to go to Confession on Wednesday. Confessions were heard in the Church by Fr. Tom Byrnes and Fr. Tom Kreiser. I am grateful to both our priests for arranging their schedules to accommodate ours.

Progress reports were sent home today. Please take a look at your child's report and encourage him/her to continue to do their best work. They should read over the Christmas break and be prepared for Midterms mid January. We will not be using the Mid-term Religion Exam prepared by the Archdiocese this year. Our teachers have been following the Archdiocesan Religion pacing guide but are preparing to create their own test.

*MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE FILLED WITH EVERY HAPPINESS!*

