

## **Christmas Pageant 2021**

Our Lady of the Angels School has a tradition of presenting our community with a beautiful Christmas Pageant to help us all to remember the "Reason for the Season!" Our 8th grade students read the story and represent the characters of the Nativity and each grade, Preschool through Grade 7, sings a song to enhance the story.

Last year we were unable to gather at all and as a result created a "video" pageant that was shared through email. This year, although things are a bit more "open" than last, we still have to be diligently careful as we navigate our new normal and do everything we can to keep our students, faculty, staff, and families healthy and safe. We will hold our pageant in person, in the church on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m, but **we will be limiting the number of guests to 2 per family**. This way we are able to keep our students seated together with their classmates, as they are every day, and have enough room in the church for folks to distance themselves comfortably, wearing a mask of course.

This is very different than years past where all the grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, and friends came to celebrate with us, but it will be a necessary precaution as we slowly find ways to gather safely as a community. Each family will be given two tickets for the night and there will be people at the doors to take your tickets upon entry. Guests without a ticket will not be allowed to enter the church.

Our annual Christmas Pageant will undoubtedly be smaller in audience size, ***but just as big in meaning***. The night of the pageant, students should wear their Christmas Best and go directly to their classroom pews at the church.

## **Advent Giving Tree**

It's that time of year again! The sixth graders will be collecting new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks to help the less fortunate in Worcester stay a little warmer this winter. Last Year we were able to donate 6 boxes to foster care. Please help us by sending in children and adult size new items during this Advent season. We will be collecting new items starting on December 2 - December 17. Each morning the sixth graders will collect the items and decorate the tree with them. Please help us fill our Giving Tree!

Thank you,  
Sixth Grade

## **Santa's Secret Shop**

Our PTO is once again hosting a Christmas shopping experience for our students, next week Monday - Wednesday at Santa's Secret Shop! The shop will be set up in our school gym and each grade will have an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Parent volunteers will be there to help students shop, cash them out, and wrap each present. Please be sure your kiddos know who they are buying gifts for!

**Never give up...Encourage others....Do your BEST!**

The NED show is coming to OLA! On Monday afternoon, our school is hosting NED's Mindset Mission, a live streaming all school event where a world-class performer takes our students on an interactive, educational journey filled with storytelling, illusions, yo-yo tricks and humor. NED's message and memorable friends inspire students, promote academic achievement, and support our school goals. Following the NED show, NED's Yo-Yo's will be on sale. More information will be coming home at the end of this week regarding the purchasing of NED's Yo-Yo's if you are interested!

**ASP/BSP Pre-registration**

The form for the week of 12/6 - 12/10 is attached. Please return to Mr. Kottori at [john.kottori@worcesterdiocesek12.org](mailto:john.kottori@worcesterdiocesek12.org) by Friday, 12/3.

**Calendar Reminder**

Second quarter progress reports will be sent via email on Friday, December 10th.