



ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES OF THE MARCHES

News and Notes

Mrs. Lelia Pappas



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Happy Advent St. James families:

Good morning! It is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patroness of the America's and a significant day of celebration for many. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in a area outside of Mexico City in 1531 and the rest is important history in the story of Mary's apparitions. Pray to Her today!

It certainly was a **fantastic Christmas Show** last Thursday! The children outdid themselves in every way. Sr. Margaret Rose and Sr. Mary Ann were unbelievable in their efforts and the teachers brought the children to life. How talented the children can be when provided the opportunity to shine! That is a benefit of a small school like St. James; it truly is a gift from God. All children have the chance to grow and gain confidence in a non-academic pursuit! Yeah to all!

We continue with our **Advent** program and the children see a video each morning on an Advent theme or story. It is a nice change of pace for them, instead of morning prayers. We are preparing for the coming of the baby Jesus.

The **Christmas boutique** will open on Thursday and for a half day on Friday. Lots of opportunities to purchase small gifts for loved ones at reasonable prices. Thank you to Mrs. Joseph and her team for all their efforts with the Christmas boutique.

We are also sending home a cute "winter fun pack" with your children pictures on it. You must return them back to school or send in \$12. Please be attentive to this promotion. The 8th grade is sponsoring "**Fun with Santa**" (flyer in Tuesday folder) for \$8. Please consider supporting these fundraisers.

We have **two half days** in December, this Friday, the 14th and the last Friday the 21st. We will NOT have aftercare on either day.

I want to thank the before-care and after-care staff of Mrs. Shire, Miss Bev, Miss Dolly, Mr. Rohloff, Miss Nunno for their dedication to the children of working parents. They generously give of their talents and I truly appreciate it. THANK YOU!

So as we approach the last two weeks of Advent, I pray for all the families of St. James and hope the Lord will continue to bless us with peace in this hectic time. We have a



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lot of love that is evident in school – continue to pray for us as we finish these days strong! May the Christmas star guide us on our way towards the light of Christ!

Blessings,
Lelia