OLOL Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Dec. 13

As we wait and prepare in our second week of Advent, it brought to mind 2 Peter 3:8. "A day with the Lord is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day." Sometimes I get tired of waiting, whether it be in regards to my family or in public, or even at a red light in the car. This week of Advent invites us to bring peace to our hearts and remember that it doesn't matter to God how long He waits- He will always be there for us! Time is irrelevant and His love is eternal.

Please read this email thoroughly to ensure you don't miss out on any important information

CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th! @

- **Gr. 1: Regular classes** on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 5:30-6:45pm
- Gr. 2: Parent and Youth Session on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 5:30-6:45pm
 - Reminder: parents are to attend the Parent and Youth session together with their child(ren)
- **Gr. 3-4:** NO classes on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 5:30-6:45pm due to Christmas Caroling
- **Gr. 5-6: Regular classes** on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 5:30-6:45pm
- **Gr. 7-9: Regular classes** on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 7:00-8:15pm
- Gr. 10 & 11: Reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec. 13th from 7:00-8:15pm
 - Remind your child that they are go to the Church of St. Mary in Willmar for the sacrament
 - *Note: for gr. 11 students*, the Church asks that those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation have reconciliation prior, in order to come into the Church with a pure soul and full of God's grace
- Gr. 10: Sponsor Forms Due Wednesday, Dec. 13th
 - Reminder for gr.10 students: submit the online form for their sponsor no later than Dec. 13th
 - https://www.OurLivingWater.org/Confirmation---Important-dates.html
 - Confirmation: Sponsor Form (web4ucorp.com)

Gr. 10 & 11: Individual Service Hours

• Remind your students that if they participated in helping serve Family Meals, or helped set tables prior to the Thanksgiving Dinner, or brought up items from the church basement, or helped decorate the church for Advent- they can submit their time on their Individual Service Hours to be counted for the Confirmation requirements.

Gr. 1-6: Christmas Caroling at Bethesda Grand, Willmar on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-6:00pm

- For anyone in gr.1-6, opportunities to join the Christmas Caroling at the Bethesda Care Facility in Willman
 - o Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 5:30-6:00pm
 - o Sunday, Dec. 17 from 11:30-12:00pm
 - o Wear your most festive Christmas gear for a wonderful time with the residents of Bethesda!
- Transportation will not be provided to this event. Please plan accordingly.
- Many voices are needed. If your child would like to attend <u>any</u> of the above listed times, please know that your classroom absence is excused and your presence is extremely welcomed.
 - o Contact your site coordinator to report your student's absence if not attending their regular class
- Gr. 3 & 4 there will be NO CLASS on Wednesday, Dec. 13th

Gr. 1-6: Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 5:30-6:00pm

- We are very excited for this NEW event!
- Please have your child bring 2 dozen cookies on a disposable plate to class.
 - o All of the cookies will be displayed on tables in the gathering area.

- Each student will be given a new plate and plastic glove. Each student than picks out 24 new cookies (not their own & not more than 2 of a kind).
- o We will saran wrap the plates and the students will bring cookies home to share with their family.
- After the cookie exchange, students are to return to their classrooms for the Christmas Party!

Gr. 9-11: Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 20th from 7:00-7:30pm

- We are very excited for this NEW event!
- Please have your student bring 2 dozen cookies on a disposable plate to class.
 - o All of the cookies will be displayed on tables in the gathering area.
 - Each student will be given a new plate and plastic food-safe glove. Each student than picks out 24 new cookies (not their own & not more than 2 of a kind).
 - o We will saran wrap the plates and the students bring those cookies home to share with their family.
- After the cookie exchange, students are to return to their classrooms for the Christmas Party!

Blessings,

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