

## **OLOL Weekly Parent Email for Wednesday, Dec. 20**

**Light the pink candle!** Although lesser known as the Shepherd Candle, this third candle of Advent reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' birth, and through the salvation he has offered us. If you have the time, I suggest reading Luke 2:8-20. This scripture tells of the angel of the Lord visiting the shepherds in the field and telling them of Christ's birth. *"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."* So, as we attend our Christmas parties- may we all share in the goodness of the Lord and share the Good News with those we love. **Merry Christmas!!**

There will be NO weekly announcement emails sent until Monday, January 11, 2024. Please read this email thoroughly to ensure you don't miss out on any important information

### **CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>! ☺**

#### **Gr. 1-6: Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - 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 then picks out 24 new cookies (not their own & not more than 2 of a kind).
  - 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. 1-6: Regular classes on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:45pm**

#### **Gr. 9-11: Cookie Exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - 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 then picks out 24 new cookies (not their own & not more than 2 of a kind).
  - 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!

#### **Gr. 7-11: Regular classes on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:15pm**

#### **Gr. 11: Letter to the Bishop due on Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- The letter to formally join the Catholic Church must be submitted to **MichelleTortorella@OurLivingWater.org** by Jan.3, 2024.
- This letter explains why the candidate wishes to be confirmed (of their own free will). A template of this letter can be found on the website, in the faith formation hallways, by contacting your site coordinator, or by request to the Faith Formation director.
- **The letter must be editable.** Although it will not be proofread, the letters will be transferred and copied on the Jesus Our Living Water letterhead before being submitted to the New Ulm Diocese's office for Bishop Chad Zielinski's approval.

#### **Gr. 10-11: Class Service Project: Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**

- All gr. 10 & 11 confirmation students are to participate in the Class Service Project at Bethesda Care Facility in Willmar from 12:30-1:30pm. The students will be washing interior windows of resident's rooms.
- Transportation will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.
- This is a class project; therefore, hours should NOT be submitted for Individual Service Hours for this event.
- Gr.10 will not have class on Wednesday, May 1 in lieu of attending this event.

Blessings,

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