



THE INSIDE SCOOP



DECEMBER

1ST: WINTERFEST

Join our choir at Normandy Park Town Center at 5:00pm as they help to officially kick off the holiday season at Winterfest! Caroling, arts & crafts, treats, Santa and Glassybaby... OH MY! A little bit of family fun for everyone.

5TH: TREE LIGHTING

YB Tubless (@ 633 SW 148th St) is the place to be at 6pm as our fire department and choir help light up Burien's Christmas Tree. Come be part of an STFOA holiday tradition!

6TH: ALL SCHOOL MASS (FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS)

Did you know that Saint Nicholas is the "patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students in various cities and countries around Europe"? "His legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus" (so says Wikipedia). Please send your kids with a non-perishable foot item in dress uniform and we will see you at 10:30am to learn more.

11TH: CAROLING & POTLUCK

Back by popular demand, the 2nd annual evening of Christmas caroling will take place on Tuesday evening at 7pm in Unity Place and will include a potluck as well. This year we suggest that last names beginning with A-H bring salad and bread/butter, last names beginning with I-Q bring a main dish, and last names beginning with R-Z bring a dessert. This is open to Parish members as well that may not attend school at STFOA.

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13TH: ADVENT PROGRAM

7:00pm. This. Is. It. The BIG DANCE... the one time of year every class serenades us (and grandparents and aunts and uncles and friends) with Christmas joy looking sharp and frilly in their Sunday Best. There is a reason the first row of seating at the Advent Program fetches high bids at our annual school auction. It will be standing room only and I can guarantee you there will be a lengthy (well behaved and crowd-controlled) line by the time the doors open at 6:30pm. Strategically, we "divide and conquer"; one takes the kids to their classrooms (and takes a few pics for prosperity sake of the kids and their friends in their holiday grandeur) while the other waits in line... chosen by rock/ paper/scissors... best 2 out of 3. If you plan to save seats, please be kind and thoughtful, we all want a chance to see our cherubs in the spotlight. It is also common to see a designated family photographer/ videographer army crawl to the front when their kids take center stage. Again, be thoughtful. It's hard to see through a sea of raised cell phones and cameras trying to capture the performance. The dress rehearsal during school hours (10:30am to be exact) is a GREAT alternative that I highly recommend (a good time to invite Aunt Ethel) and out of respect, I would encourage you to stay for the full performance regardless of which time you attend.

14TH: EARLY RELEASE

The last day of school before winter break is a HALF DAY with no EDP; please plan to pick your kids up at noon. Having been up late the night before for the Advent Program, many teachers and room parents will use this time for a low key class party so stay tuned!

*****CHRISTMAS BREAK*****
DECEMBER 15TH- JANUARY 1ST

**Merry
Christmas**



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