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St. Thomas More Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter

Keep us alert, O God, to the ways we can prepare to celebrate Jesus' Incarnation., Help us make our hearts and minds ready for Christmas with prayer and good works. We ask this in Jesus' name.

ADVENT: Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of [Christmas](#). The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). Advent devotions including the [Advent wreath](#), remind us of the meaning of the season.



STM TOY DRIVE: The holidays are typically a joyous time of celebration, but for the many children, youth and families served by **Catholic Charities**, it is often a reminder of how little they have. Families who are already going without regular meals or warm clothes can't afford to give their children presents or provide them with a special meal. Once again we ask you to bring an unwrapped new toy for a girl or boy, ages newborn to 14. Please take your children shopping to pick out a toy. This year, we are providing toys to the *Brownson House Community Services Center*, where Bishop David G. O'Connell is hosting an event on

Sunday, December 16 for an expected 200 children and their families. The toys will be delivered on Friday, December 14, so please make sure yours arrives no later than that morning.



La Salle is holding a wrapping party and photos with Santa on Saturday, December 8, to benefit the Alumni Association Adopt-A-Family Christmas Drive. The flyer is attached with more information.

Did You Know? Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind.

CALENDAR

- 12/3 - 12/7 ACRE TESTING FOR 5TH AND 8TH
- 12/5 8:30 STUDENT BODY MASS
9:30 AM STUDENT PENANCE SERVICE
- 12/6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
- 12/7 6:00 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS
7:00 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
- 12/8 THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 12/10 10:30 AM WHOLE SCHOOL ROSARY
- 12/12 8:30 AM STUDENT BODY MASS ON THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Formal uniform or students may come dressed in native attire
7:00 PM PARISH CELEBRATION
- 12/14 PAJAMA DAY/SANTA VISITS
- 12/17 7:00 PM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 12/18 8:30 AM STUDENT BODY MASS
10:30 Dismissal—No Aftercare
- CHRISTMAS VACATION 12/19—1/7/2019**
January 7, 2019 School Resumes

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND MASS:

This year, we will be having our Christmas Program on Monday, December 17, at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our school Christmas Mass will be the next morning, December 18, at 8:30 AM. Students are expected to wear formal dress uniform for Mass, but will be directed by their teachers as to what to wear for the Program. Dismissal on the 18th will be at 10:30 AM, and there will be no aftercare.

**Are you ordering gifts through AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products and convenient shopping as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to STM. Choose St. Thomas More Catholic School, Alhambra, or follow the link on our website. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-1950652>

Spaghetti with Santa

When: Dec. 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Where: St Therese Church—Parish Hall
Spaghetti Dinner ☑ Christmas Caroling ☑
A Visit from Santa ☑ Toy Drive
Tickets: Adults: \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door. Kids 17 and under are FREE. Bring an unwrapped toy if you would like to participate in our toy drive. For more information or tickets, speak to any

**St. Thomas More Church Schedule**

- 12/21 7 PM SIMBANG-GABI
12/23 7 PM POSADAS CULMINATION
12/24 4 PM YOUTH CHRISTMAS MASS
9 PM CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS
12/25 SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES



If you need to have your fingerprints registered with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, please refer to the following link for a complete schedule:

[LA Archdiocese Fingerprinting Schedule](#)

***The 2018 STM
Christmas Toy Drive***

**Now Through Friday,
December 14, 2018**

Please bring an Unwrapped New Toy (for a girl or a boy from ages Newborn - 14 years) that you would like to donate to your classroom. All toys will be donated to those children in need.

Thank you STM and have a Blessed Christmas!

Student Council

Christmas Toy Drive.



Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.

- Pope John XXIII



LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY
WRAPPING PARTY &
PHOTOS WITH SANTA**



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

10AM-12PM

LINDA M. GRINSTEAD THEATRE

@ LA SALLE COLLEGE PREPARATORY

3880 E. SIERRA MADRE BLVD. PASADENA

PARK IN THE LOWER LOT OFF OF MICHILLINDA AND FOLLOW THE CANDY CANES TO THE THEATRE

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP WRAP GIFTS &
TAKE A PHOTO WITH SANTA!**

WWW.LANCERNETWORK.COM/WRAP2018

PICTURES WITH SANTA ARE \$5 AND ARE PRINTED ON SITE

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS DRIVE
TO BENEFIT NEEDY FAMILIES & FOSTER CHILDREN**

