

ST. PETER'S KEYS

My Life is in Your Hands, Lord

December 21, 2020

CLASSROOM CORNER

Miss Garcia's fourth Classroom Corner: Advent and Christmas

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding joy!" Matthew 2:10 NIV. This verse fills my heart and soul with great joy! It also coincides with the second week of advent: Joy to celebrate Jesus's birth. As we enter into the Christmas season, we must always remember that Christ is centered. We are currently learning about advent in our bible classes becoming familiarized with advent and its count-down to Christmas. Fourth grade is working hard on studying their memory verse that correlates with each advent theme.

We are focusing on Christmas in Mexico traditions and customs of Las Posadas and the legend of the poinsettias as our ELA focus along with supplemental activities: such as vocabulary terms in English and Spanish, story elements chart, and summary writing. These are Christ centered traditions and customs to celebrate his birth and to worship Him. **Las Posadas** translates to **inn/shelter** in English. The gist of the custom is to reenactment of Mary and Joseph's pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem; as well as finding shelter for Jesus's birth. We have discussed festivities that occur when the pilgrims find shelter. Not only does our focus provide spiritual learning to form a relationship with the Lord, but it helps them understand empathy and how he wants us to treat others in order to model these good examples as young Christian men and women within society.

"The Legend of the Poinsettia" by Tomie de Paolo illustrates association of the **poinsettia** with Christmas dates that back to the 16th century with the **legend** of a young girl, who was too poor to provide baby Jesus with a gift celebrating His birthday. The weeds turned into beautiful crimson blooms which were called **poinsettias**. According to this legend, poinsettias have been used in Christmas customs and traditions within Mexican Culture then became later adopted as a Christmas flower in the United States. They are working on summary writing along with supplemental vocabulary words in English and Spanish, Venn diagrams and compare and contrasting skills to facilitate their writing skills and fun crafts to aid with hands-on learning.

We are examining chapter 3 Dutch Colonization within New York State to discuss the fundamentals within the colony's functional system such as trade, tenant farming, patroons and etc. In Science, we are exploring Electrical energy and looking closely of how energy works within everyday life. Along with Chapter 3, we will be doing labs, science focus review questions and notes to supplement their learning. I am so thankful for all of fourth grade's hard work in learning to become productive lifelong learners. It was a pleasure sharing our classroom with you all. Merry Christmas. May God bless you this New Year.

Through His strength,

Miss Garcia

THIS WEEK

12/21	Remote Learning—No In school classes
12/22	Remote Learning—No in school classes
12/24	Thurs Christmas Eve Service—online at church website
12/25	Friday Christmas Day Service—online at church website
12/23 - 1/1/21	No School—Christmas Recess

LOOKING AHEAD

1/4 School Resumes

SEE JANUARY CALENDAR

AFTER SCHOOL SIGN UP

For the week of January 4, 2021, forms have already been completed. For any changes, please contact Mrs. Scibetta.

PIZZA SLIPS FOR 12/18/2020

If your child had turned in a slip for pizza for Friday, December 18th, we will be using this money for pizza on January 8th, 2021. If your child is not getting pizza on that day, a refund will be given to you.

HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS SHOP

Thank you to everyone who shopped this year at our Annual Holiday Christmas Shop. This event is sponsored by our Parent Teacher League. We saw some changes this year due to restrictions, but we are pleased to say we were able to have a little bit of normalcy for our students and we raised \$940 for our PTL. This organization purchases many items that go directly to our students, teachers and classrooms. Thank you for your support!

BISON'S CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bison's Children Scholarship Fund (for students entering K-8) is accepting Pre-Application for funding for the 2021-2022 school year. The Scholarship Pre-Application will only be available electronically at www.bisonfund.com beginning January 1, 2021. The **Pre-Application is only for families NEW to Bison's**. The deadline to apply is February 28th. Current families enrolled in Bison's will receive an email with a link to complete the requalification process.

For more information, visit www.bisonfund.com or call 1-888-216-8380. The website will list an Income Eligibility Scale for 2021 and give you more information.

**JUST A REMINDER—
THERE IS NO AFTERSCHOOL ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21ST,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND AND
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**

**THIS FRIDAY, (12/18)
FOR LUNCH—PIZZA
(Orders due Tuesday, 12/15)**

**ALSO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD IS A
1/2 DAY WITH DISMISSAL FOR
PRE-K AT 11:15 AM AND
K-8 AT 11:30 AM
NO BUSES FOR LOCKPORT, STARPOINT
AND WILSON**

Name _____ Gr. _____

_____ Slice w/cheese @ \$1.75 _____

_____ Slice w/pepperoni @\$2.00 _____

Total Enclosed _____

AFTERSCHOOL SIGN UP

Week of January 4th

Due on December 17th

Pre-Reg (per day) 1 hour@ \$5,

2 hours@ \$10, 3 hours @ \$ 15

**Proceeds to benefit
Student Development**

Family Reg for the year is \$30.00.

*Emergency (family not registered)
\$7.00 per hour*

*Late Enrollees add \$1.00 per child per
day after Thursday.*

Name _____

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

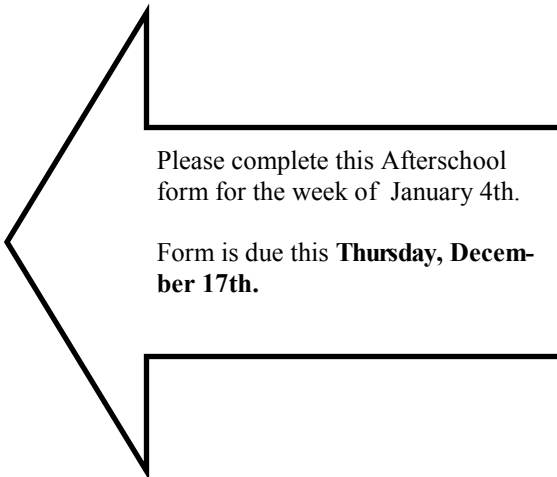
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TOTAL ENCLOSED _____





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Chapel Offerings <i>Magdalene Project of Niagara Falls</i>				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Christmas Recess NO SCHOOL	2
3 Worship 8:30 & 11 am	4 School Resumes	5	6	7	8 Chapel Offerings to: Magdalene Project	9
10 Worship 8:30 & 11 am	11	12	13	14	15 Chapel Offerings to: Magdalene Project	16
17 Worship 8:30 & 11 am	18 NO SCHOOL M. L. KING JR. DAY	19	20 Faculty Mtg. 3pm	21	22 Chapel Offerings to: Magdalene Project Second Marking Period Ends	23
24 Worship 8:30 & 11 am	25	26	27 Report Cards Sent Home	28	29 Chapel Offerings to: Magdalene Project	30