



Dear St. Mary Parents,

The children have been preparing to present a heartwarming Christmas program, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. It will include every student except for preschool and the advanced band students. When entering the concert, please be aware of reserved seating areas. They are part of this year's presentation. There will be plenty of good seating. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Students should arrive between 6:30- 6:45 p.m. The program should last between 50-60 minutes. Please take your student's winter weather gear with you. They may go immediately to their program beginning places, so attendance can be taken.

It is very important your student(s) attend and perform in the Christmas Program. Performance techniques are a part of the music curriculum and grades will be given. In addition, many of our students have special parts in the program. When performing in groups, students practice and are familiar with how the music sounds. When students are missing it changes the sound and causes other students to have a less successful performance. It is in happy, friendly environments such as this program in which students learn to stand in front of an audience with confidence, a needed life skill.

What to wear? Students should dress nicely! No jeans, sweats, or shirts with logos or sayings on them. A manufacturer symbol (such as Polo) is fine. Please e-mail me or leave a message in my mailbox at school with any concerns.

Thank you,
Ann McDonald
Music Teacher



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