



**SHEPHERD'S WATCH
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Friday Note



December 1, 2023

Christmas Begins with Christ

Mark Your Calendar!

Fri. Dec. 1 - Christmas Parade 7pm
 Sat. Dec 2 - Christmas Fair 9am-3pm
 SANTA'S WORKSHOP
 Wed. Dec. 6 - Chapel 8:10am
 Fri. Dec. 8 - All School Field Trip
 Dress-Up Friday ~ Ugly Sweater Day
 Wed. Dec. 13 - NO SCHOOL
 Fr. Dec. 15 - Wear Red and/or Green
 Sat. Dec. 16 - CHRISTMAS
 PROGRAM 6:30 pm
 Wed. Dec. 20 - Chapel 8:10am
 Dec 25 - Dec. 31 - NO SCHOOL
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Tues. Jan. 2 - SCHOOL RESUMES!!
*Calendar may also be seen on our website
www.shepherdswatchca.org*

Thank you for all our volunteers who have contributed to the Wednesday hot lunches! Did you know you, or a grandparent, could provide a Wednesday lunch?? Contact the office and we will let you know available dates and details.

Menu -
Wed.
Dec.6
PIZZA!



Principal's Page Building Faith in the Hearts Of Our Children

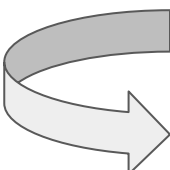
Trying to find gifts for certain people - or letting others know what you want, can be quite challenging. After all, most of us don't NEED anything. Realizing that the best gifts aren't material items offers a new perspective on giving and receiving. Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: *Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone 'I love you.'* Give something away - anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in the nursing home. Apologize if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.

*Advent Blessings,
Mr. Schmidt*

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

may you know
the comfort & joy
of God's
presence this
Christmas
season & always!

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As part of the Christmas Celebration, the Village of Mattoon will be hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 9am-3pm. During this time, the school gym will be open for persons to enjoy various crafters. **Santa's Workshop** will also be open during this time. Santa's Workshop will be set up in Mr Schmidt's classroom. **Santa's Workshop is for children who would like to pick out a Christmas gift for their parents/grandparents, without the parents with them.**

Children will be able to shop from a variety of items that parents/grandparents may want to have. The items they pick out will then be wrapped and if possible put in a bag for them to carry home. They can decide when they want to present their gifts to their parents/grandparents.

There will be NO cost to the children who shop, however a free will offering is always welcome with any proceeds going to SWCA.

MATTOON VILLAGE
PRESENTS

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
AT MATTOON COMMUNITY HALL &
SHEPHERDS WATCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAIR INCLUDES:

- VENDORS
- FOOD & DRINKS
- GINGERBREAD MAKING
- BASKET RAFFLES
- PHOTO WITH SANTA
- GIFT WRAPPING
- FAMILY PHOTO STAND

SANTA WILL BE AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL FROM
NOON UNTIL 2PM

SANTA'S WORKSHOP AND
ADDITIONAL VENDORS WILL
BE AT THE SHEPHERD'S
WATCH CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

ADMISSION FEE: FREE!! DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

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