



SHEPHERD'S WATCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

December 15, 2023



Friday Note

Principal's Page

Building Faith in the Hearts Of Our Children

Our Christmas Program is this Saturday! We feel the excitement and share the smiles our students have as the days get closer to Christ's celebrated birth.

Please have your children here by 6:15pm for the program. They may meet in their classroom. There will be refreshments after the program and also time to take family photos by the many scenes you will see on the gymnasium walls.

The motto for Hershey's Kisses used to be "Big things come in small packages!" That also could be a motto for Bethlehem, for Baby Jesus and, indeed, for us. It's an important message to remember when we fear we're too weak to fix the world's problems, too small to fight the gigantic terror that threatens a loved one or too lacking in abilities we see in others.

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah." God declares through the prophet Michah (5:2), "from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule Israel." Bethlehem was a mere village. God's ruler for Israel started as an infant. His birthplace was a small stable (most likely a cave), not a palace or temple. But size isn't everything. Big - that is, great things can come in small packages. And thanks to the tiny baby who grew up to share immeasurably huge love with the world, God can do great things through you, too!

Advent Blessings!
Mr. Schmidt



Advent - The Second Candle

The second Advent candle is frequently called the Peace candle or the Bethlehem candle. Reflecting on the peace promised by Christ's birth and the faithfulness of those who played a part in the Christmas story—from Joseph and Mary, to Zechariah and Elizabeth, to John the Baptist preparing the way for the Lord. In lighting this candle, we celebrate the restoration of creation and wonder of God's Shalom lived out here on earth. We honor the examples set for us by our sisters and brothers in God who trusted the Lord and acted out of faith to help spread the peace of Jesus to all.

Mark Your Calendar!

Sat. Dec. 16 - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 6:30 pm
Students should arrive at 6:15, meet in their classroom.

Mon. Dec. 18 - Retest Vision & Hearing

Wed. Dec. 20 - Chapel 8:10am

Fri. Dec. 22 - Rosemary Manor 9am
PJ's and Movie Day!

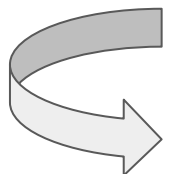
Dec 25 - Dec. 31 - **NO SCHOOL**
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tues. Jan. 2 - SCHOOL RESUMES!!

Wed. Jan 3 - Chapel 8:10am

Calendar may also be seen on our website
www.shepherdswatchca.org

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Wed. Dec 20
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Fundraiser

The PTL will be sending out fundraisers Monday, December 18th to continue our SWCA students education outside of the classroom. There is something for everyone and all items will arrive in the beginning of February just in time for Valentine's Day. We will be sending out booklets along with order forms. You will be able fill out the order forms or order online. Ordering online offers more items along with more ways to pay.

All items must be paid for at the time of ordering!

Thank you for all your support this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

From,
Parent Teacher League of SWCA