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OLH---LIVING THE LEGEND of 2020



IT ALL STARTED IN ADVENT

The Advent season of 2020 saw yet another innovation, this time with the Family Advent Service. The Hamptones, Hamptonix, Bell Choir, String Ensemble and Joyful Noise joined with the Dance Troupe to pre-record the music and dance. Four Prep 8 students also pre-recorded the Scripture reading that were then incorporated into the filmed version of the Service. It was then broadcast on YouTube on December 9,



A NEW TRADITION IS BORN

Traditionally, OLH families gather around a red and gold decorated Christmas tree during the annual Family Advent Service. With the format of the event being changed to a prerecorded virtual evening of prayer, some changes needed to be made for the tree lighting.

Thanks to the generosity of a team of families, a fourteen foot Norway Spruce tree was dug and planted at the north gate entrance to the school. That tree was then prepared with an array of white light by Matt Murphy Event Lighting. (Mr. Murphy is the dad of fourth grader, Gerard.)

On Friday evening, December 4, a brave contingent of parents and students braved the rain and gathered around the tree for the blessing and singing of *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, led by the Hamptones and Mr. Basar.

The tree is visible to those passing by the intersection as well as those on the train. It will be lit until after the new year....as a sign of our celebration of JOY!



CLASSES CONTINUE TO SHINE



As December began, filled with promise, the fourth grade classes united to present a special live-streamed assembly program, **THE WINTER HOLIDAY SHOW**, to teach everyone about the special times celebrated in other world-wide cultures, including Hanukkah and Kwanza. Class members danced and lip-synced to the vocal tracks in order to practice safety and health precautions (although they certainly knew every word to the catchy songs)



The Prep 7 class and Mrs. Hanley prepared the liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



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SNOW DAYS SHARE REMOTE CLASSES

The traditional school year has 180 days between September and June. Three days are usually allowed for "Snow Days".

This year's calendar is a big challenge since there need to be allowances for possible remote learning days and quarantines.

A late autumn storm paralyzed the area on December 17 with hazardous road conditions on the following day. It was a difficult decision that each school faced considering the allowance for snow days.

OLH students were put on remote learning from 8:30AM-12:30PM on those two days. The teachers taught from home via Zoom and Google Classroom platforms, supervised tests, led discussions and shared pre-Christmas projects.

The dress of the day was full OLH uniform, with dress-up clothes on what would have been the last school day.

With dismissal at 12:30 on the two remote days, there was plenty of time for outdoor recess and lunch breaks..all taking advantage of snow, sleds, snow forts and snowball fights.



PRE-SCHOOLERS JOIN THE OLDER STUDENTS AS REMOTE LEARNERS

Temporary remote learning begins promptly at 8:30 AM with prayers, Pledge of Allegiance and Religion class. Regular class schedules are held including Art, Music, Spanish, Technology, Dance, Library and Gym.

One of the best things about Zoom sessions, according to the students, is that everyone can see each other**without masks!**

