

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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December's Virtue
GENEROSITY

December's Saint of the Month:
St. Mary Magdalene

Jesus
IS THE
REASON
FOR THE
Season



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'TIS THE SEASON

The St. Mary's Christmas Store was open for our students to purchase gifts for their family on December 9. Thanks to our SMPA, students were able to choose items that were donated by our community, purchase items for a low price (nothing is over \$5.00), and have them wrapped and labeled by our wonderful parent volunteers. Each year our students look forward to this wonderful event!



OUR SMPA IS THE BEST!



Our St. Mary's Parent Association (SMPA) is like no other! This year they arranged to have Double Cup Coffee Truck on Site to take the orders of all our staff members. They also had a large variety of pastries donated by Starbuck in the teacher lounge. And, if that was not enough, they purchased a gift card to each staff members favorite store! We love our SMPA volunteers!



ST. NICHOLAS DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

On December 6, all of our students left one shoe out in the hallway with hopes that St. Nicholas would come by the school and leave them a treat. Of course, St. Nicholas found his way, and he made sure that each student received something special! Thank you St. Nicholas!

St. Mary's Tessellation Christmas Tree

A tessellation or tiling is the covering of a surface, often a plane, using one or more geometric shapes, called tiles, with no overlaps and no gaps. In mathematics, tessellation can be generalized to higher dimensions and a variety of geometries. A periodic tiling has a repeating pattern.

During Art Class, each student was given a Christmas Tree shape to decorate however they wanted. When each student completed their tree, the Art teacher, Ms. Rocco made our grand St. Mary's Tessellation Christmas Tree! It was a huge tree that hung beautifully in our school's gym.

The tree was a great representation of how all our school community is one piece of a big, tight-knit family.



St. Mary's Christmas Stroll



This year, the students did something a little different for their Christmas Program than they have done in the past. They lit the playground with luminarias, and had five stations where they sang songs as the parents strolled along "Following the Star...A Journey to Bethlehem." At the end of the stroll, they entered the gym and had bis-

cochitos and hot chocolate. Santa Claus also made an appearance and handed out oranges, apples, and nuts to all the children.

