



Happy Advent!

What a truly magical time of year! Please take time out of the busyness and reflect on the “reason for the season” ...make it a priority each day to be present with family and reflect on how truly fortunate we all are! Thank you Lord!

Here at school we are doing the Jesse tree with our 8th Grade, we are doing a school community Advent calendar and we are praying the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena as many times as we can to get those 15 in!! Please help us at home before/after meals, before bedtime, etc....It's a wonderful tradition we have here at SMS!

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Here are some dates to keep in mind:

Wednesday, December 12th: Advent Confessions for the students @ 10 am

Thursday, December 13th: Comfy DRESS DOWN Day for CCMC

Friday, December 14th: School Mass at 9:30am (Grade 4 prepares)

Tuesday, December 18th: Christmas Concert and Live Nativity (Grade 8) in church @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 19th: Pre-K Christmas Gathering @8:30 am and Kindergarten Christmas Play @ 10pm (in the GYM)

Friday, December 21st: **Christmas Dress Down Day!!** 12:30pm Dismissal

December 24th- January 1st, 2019: Christmas Holiday Break

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2019: Classes Resume

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

We, here at St. Matthew School, wish you a most **blessed** Advent and Christmas season.

Helen Treacy, Principal