

## **Upcoming Events**

The "Holly Jolly Christmas Shoppe" opening is right around the corner! Dec. 4th-8th each day the students will be allowed to "shop" for Christmas presents for their families or friends. There will be a shopping list sent home soon.





Our annual Christmas Program will take place on December 14th @ 6:30 pm. It will feature our 4th-8th grade students. There will be a Cookie Fellowship to follow in the Gathering Place.

## Coming Up:

December 4th-8th:
CHRISTMAS STORE
December 13th:

"FUN" CHRISTMAS SWEATER/SHIRT DAY

December 14th:

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 6:30 PM December 21st:

EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30 NO AFTER CARE

December 22nd:

NO SCHOOL

<u>December 23rd-January 5th:</u>

CHRISTMAS BREAK

VERVONE RETURNS

January 11th:

PTF 6:30 PM

<u>January 15th:</u>

NO SCHOOL

January 17th:

SUPERHERO DAY

<u>January 19th:</u>

SPELLING BEE



## Seeing God in the Process

Christmas isn't confined to just 24 hours of a tiny little day. It's not even limited to Christmas break. It's an entire season, from the day after Thanksgiving until December 25. Christians celebrate the entire process leading up to Christmas Day. This is called Advent. Advent is a fancier way of saying "arrival." It's a time of waiting, of anticipating the coming of something (or someone) great. The holiday season is our time as Christians to wait with great joy and expectation for the birth of Christ. Of course, we celebrate Christmas Day, but there is much to celebrate in the days leading up to the day of Jesus' birth. Sometimes, it's easy to become so focused on the end goal that we forget to appreciate the process of getting there. When we elevate the end over the means, we miss out because, often, God does some of his greatest work along the way. For him, it's all about the process and less about the final destination.

This holiday season, don't focus on your lists of things to do-your Christmas lists, your grocery lists, the list of parties to attend, and everything in between. Don't aim for Christmas Day and miss out on the enjoyment of the days leading up to it. Forget about the presents needing to be wrapped and focus instead on being present in each moment. Take time to celebrate God in the process. He is at work this Christmas season. Don't wait until December 25 to notice.

## REFLECT

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RESPOND

- 1. We all find satisfaction in achieving our goals, but do you enjoy the process? Can you see God at work along the way?
- 2. One of God's names is Immanuel; God is with us. He is with us every moment of every day— in the big moments and in the small, seemingly insignificant moments. Please make a point to enjoy him in all of the moments today. Be on the lookout for Immanuel throughout your day

Blessings, Dr. Porter & GCS Staff It is important that all personal items sent to school are labeled with your child's name.

PLEASE SEND A WATER
BOTTLE WITH YOUR CHILD
EVERYDAY. WE ARE
CHARGING .50 FOR EVERY
BOTTLE PROVIDED.

