



*We light a pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent to represent the joy that "The Lord is near". We are reminded of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.*

December 14, 2016

Dear Parents,

The much anticipated Christmas program is only one day away! The concert starts at 6:30 on Thursday evening. Family and friends are all invited to share in the concert. The children should arrive at school between 6:00-6:15. Students should go directly to their classrooms. Parents should go to Pilgrim Church and find a spot to sit to watch the concert. Each class will present two songs for you to enjoy. Following the concert, parents should stop by their children's classroom to pick up their children and then join us in Friendship Hall for a Christmas social. Santa is expected to join us in Friendship Hall and he is looking forward to hear what the students would like for Christmas. Bring your cameras/phones if you'd like and get a family picture if you wish.

I ask each family to send one dozen cookies to be included in the cookie buffet that will be set out for all our concert guests. It would be appreciated if you could drop off your cookies on Thursday morning when your children come to school. If you could bring your cookies in a throw away container, it would be appreciated. If it's easier to bring your cookies with you on Thursday night that would work too but we do plan on putting out a variety of cookies on each of the platters and we'd like to get those platters prepared during the school day.

We have come to the midpoint of our second quarter. Students in kindergarten through grade 8 will be bringing home their mid-quarter contact reports today. This report is meant to give you an indication of how your son or daughter is doing so far this quarter. If your child is doing well, that's wonderful. If your child is struggling in some areas this may serve as a reminder that possibly work needs to be turned in on a timely basis or possibly more studying is necessary. In either case there is a lot of time to go before the second quarter actually ends. As always, feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) with any questions or concerns you may have. Please sign the mid-quarter report after you've discussed it with your son or daughter and return it to school.

We are proud to share that several students in our fifth through eighth grade participated and were recognized by the VFW Auxillary for the student's essays submitted for the "Patriot's Pen" Essay contest. We especially congratulate our top three winners in the fifth grade. They are, Zachary LeMieux, first place, Nic VanderLeest, second place and Dylann Kersten, third place winner.

Friday will be a dress down day. Students may wear the clothing of their choice. We've been successful wearing Packer clothing before winning games so Packer clothing is terrific too if the students choose.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow evening.

Sincerely,

Carol Hoard

