



# Our Lady of Lourdes School Parent Newsletter

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*Sunday, November 27th marks the beginning of the **Season of the Advent**, a time of preparation for the coming of Christ on Christmas and the start of the liturgical year for the Catholic Church!*

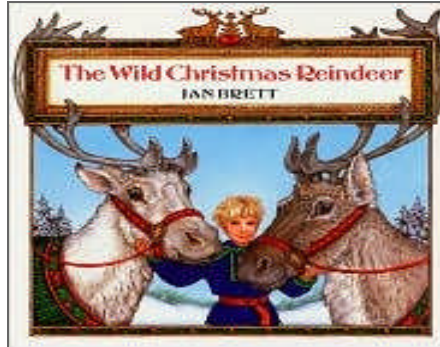
### OLL Helps Those in Need!

After weeks of planning and organizing, Ms. Pablo, student council, and the 8th grade led a very successful food drive! Under their guidance, OLL donated 900 pounds of food to City Harvest!

Thank you for your generosity!



### December's Book of the Month



*Young Teeka, an Arctic girl, gets the chance to get Santa's reindeer ready for their big trip! After realizing that her stern and bossy approach is unsuccessful, Teeka tries other ways to train the reindeer.*

### Congratulations!

#### November Students of the Month!

##### Pre-K3

Laisha Guerrero  
Naiya Baranco

##### Pre-K4

Samantha Mendez  
Angelo Perez

##### K-1

Ihijah Marquez  
Anniely Rodriguez

##### K-2

Angel Mosso  
Johanna Romero

##### Grade 1

Brisseis Lantigua  
Arlene Silva

##### Grade 2

Emilio Chicon  
Alejandro Chicon

##### Grade 3

Franceska Angeles  
Adrian Liberato

##### Grade 4-1

Mia Brito  
Adante Hudson

##### Grade 4-2

Jay'Den Hunter  
Kevin Marcelin

##### Grade 5

Dilson Rodriguez  
Rosio Vargas

##### Grade 6

Angelica Pena  
Syon Cobo

##### Grade 7

Karimah Diallo  
Darling Mendoza

##### Grade 8

Adrian Benjamin  
Victoria Collins

### Important Dates in December!

**12.1:** 12:00 pm dismissal. Afterschool optional. Faculty meeting.

**12.8:** Immaculate Conception Mass with Kindergarten and Grade 7 @ 8:45 am

**12.9:** School Closed. Archdiocese Data Day Conference

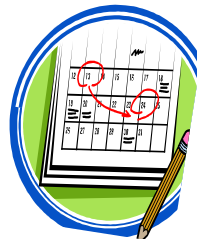
**12.12:** Feast of Guadalupe

**12.19:** Christmas Pageant @ 9:00 am-Red Color Ticket  
Santa Pictures for grades PreK-3

**12.20:** Christmas Pageant @ 9:00 am-Green Color Ticket  
Progress Reports mailed home

**12.21:** Christmas Mass with grades 6 and 2 @ 8:45 a.m.  
12:00 noon dismissal. No afterschool.

**12.22-1.2:** Christmas Recess



- To Parents, faculty, Ms. Pablo, student council and 8th graders for collecting and donating 900 pounds of food to City Harvest!
- To our friends at J.P Morgan for hosting a Career Day for our 8th grade students.
- To all students and teachers for their efforts on holiday cards and gifts for our generous patrons!

**Recipe Reference: Jet-Puffed Snowman!**  
*\*Remember to have parent/guardian supervision!*

**Ingredients:**

White decorating icing; Jet-Puffed marshmallows; Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies; Decorating gel; pretzel sticks; red string licorice.

**Ingredients:**

1. **SPREAD** icing on end of 1 marshmallow; place icing-side down on top of cookie. Spread icing on both ends of another marshmallow and stack it on the first. Top with a third marshmallow to make the snowman.

2. **USE** decorating gel to draw eyes and mouth on top marshmallow.

3. **INSERT** 2 pretzels into middle marshmallow of snowman for the arms. Cut a 6-inch length of licorice and tie around neck for scarf. Makes 1 tabletop snowman decoration.

**\*JAZZ IT UP:** Insert Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallow onto end of each pretzel stick for mittens and/or make earmuffs using an additional small red licorice piece and 2 additional miniature marshmallows

Source: <http://www.kraftrecipes.com/yourkids/kids-can-cook/dessert/jetpuffedsnowman.aspx>



***What the Blessings of Christmas Mean to Me by Deigna Bernard 7th Grade***

***Congratulations to OLL's very own Deigna Bernard on winning first place in Rockefeller Center's annual essay contest. We are very proud of you!***

The air is filled with excitement and anticipation of what will come, the city is one gigantic light bulb, and every toy is wishing to be perfectly situated under a pine-scented Christmas tree. Mouthwatering foods are conveniently in abundance destroying diets but enticing cravings while no one can escape candy canes dancing through their heads. Also do not forget our homes decorated with the tantalizing aroma of cinnamon – It's Christmas! But is it the blessing of Christmas? No... The blessing of Christmas comes from so much more in the spiritual giving of each human being.

Christmas is about the miracle of birth, the unselfish giving by God to allow Jesus to be born and live with us. The blessing of Christmas is how we treat each other. I think the blessing of Christmas is remembering each other and treating each other with kindness. We find Christmas in the good feeling we get when we reach out and help each other during this wonderful season.

Christmas is a special blessing for me. It is the blessing of my entire family getting together and sharing special memories. It doesn't matter if we were mad at each other all year or if one Aunt isn't speaking to the next Aunt. It doesn't matter who hurt who or who wronged who but on Christmas a miracle happens and everyone forgives each other. The blessing of Christmas is in forgiveness.

The blessing of Christmas is having my Uncle Bobby walk through the door even if you haven't seen him for a long time and everyone is happily celebrating or when Grandma invites people over who are not family because they may not have family nearby. The blessing is when Mommy buys extra toys for some neighborhood kids because they may not have anything to open on that "magical day." People everywhere are more generous toward others as if they were under a magical spell that guides them to do the right thing. The blessing of Christmas is in the giving and sharing.

Christmas is an enchanting time and all is possible. God showers us with extra compassion and miracles that begin to take place all over the world. Joy in believing that what we pray for, no matter how impossible, will all be possible because it is a miracle-making time of year. Parents who are soldiers will come home, people out of work will get jobs, and just for that moment the world will be happy, filled with laughter and at peace. The blessing of Christmas is the miracles we see and feel in one another.

The blessing of Christmas has many meanings because the definition is so deep and limitless. Yet, with just one glance, I feel the blessing of Christmas can be heard around the world. It is forgiveness, giving, sharing and the amazing miracles -- Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noël! Buon Natale! Shèng dàn jíé! And yes... Merry Christmas!!!