



Around the Academy

News from the CAL-SW Saints—December 4, 2020

Dear Southwest Family,

It is ADVENT! I absolutely love Advent, and before coming here I have to say my family did not really recognize or celebrate in the manner we do now. However, Dr. Rickmond (God bless those who go before us) introduced me more formally. Advent is celebrated the four weeks before Christmas. There are 5 candles: Prophecy, Bethlehem, Shepherds, Angels, and the Christ candle. It is not the calendar where each day you open a panel and get a treat. Oh no, it is much more! It is preparation for His coming! We will be focusing on Advent the next 3 weeks of chapel services. The link to the service will be shared each week so that students can view. Remember our mission is to develop students' hearts for God, who grow as Jesus did in wisdom, stature and favor with God and man (Luke 2:11). Is your heart prepared for His coming? He came first at His birth, and He is coming again!

On Fridays this month, I challenge you to read Scripture. You can easily locate Advent scripture. If you have the Bible app you can search and find Advent plans to complete. Prepare your heart for Him. Allow Him, even in these odd times, to reign. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Look at those characteristics and attributes of Christ. Counselor, and not just any counselor, but Wonderful Counselor! Do you need Him? I do. Mighty God! That alone is amazing. Eternal Father--never absent. We are never alone as His child contrary to circumstances, thoughts, feelings, or emotions. Then notice the last one: Prince of Peace. The noun is first, and what type of prince? He is the Prince of Peace. Oh, isn't that what we long for! Isn't that what the sinner needs? The Prince of Peace.

So during this time of traditions...open His word and ask His Spirit to prepare your heart, not just for Christmas, but each and every day and season He has ordained for your life. Let Advent be the spring board for preparing our hearts to be His kingdom reigning in and through us as His children. Merry Advent! Merry CHRISTmas!

Serving Him,
Mrs. Carson

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are so thankful that we were able to record our Christmas program before having to move to Remote Learning. Recording the program like we planned was already going to be a huge undertaking considering the fact that we would need several tech volunteers (some of which had taken those days off work to be there) to make the production possible. When we found out that we had to switch to Remote Learning, and everything working out as wonderfully as it did can only be described as a "God-thing." In less than a couple of hours after the news conference, arrangements were made, the tech volunteers that we needed rearranged their schedules, our teachers were notified, Mrs. Wilson was able to make our families aware of the change, and the generous Morgan family were able to finish making over a hundred masks for our students. Everything fell into place, every piece of the puzzle fit. Two weeks later, and I still cannot believe it. Scripture says in Romans 8:28 that "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." It is clear that God worked. It is clear that God has a purpose in putting this program together. What a powerful testimony of God's providence. We pray that it is a reminder that our God is bigger, more powerful, and is at work even during this difficult time. It is our prayer that it is a blessing to you and your family this holiday season. We will stream the program next Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM. It will be available later for viewing as well. A link for the viewing will be sent out prior to next Thursday so that you can share it with your family and friends!

~Mrs. Stivers

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

As we have transitioned to Remote Learning, sometimes I am not aware of student needs that are happening in your home learning space. Please let me know if you need something! Resources, tips, support for your student, or just an ear to listen. I am here for you! Don't forget to schedule zoom sessions with me if your student is already seeing me regularly.

For the month of December I will be sharing video lessons on Empathy. Teachers will post these to their google classroom for students to view and complete the coordinating activity. I hope you enjoy getting a glimpse of what I do in the classroom with students. Social Emotional Learning Kimochi lessons will also be posted with more communication keys. Merry Christmas!

~Mrs. Daniel



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And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans—and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused—and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, HE CAME DOWN TO EARTH AND GAVE US HIMSELF.

~Sigrid Undset (1882-1949), Novelist and Nobel Laureate for Literature in 1928

