

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESP

Dear Families:

I sent a message earlier this week with the news that we have to unfortunately cancel our live Christmas performance that we had scheduled for Wednesday evening. This was a very difficult decision to make as our Catholic Identity is one of the most important things about St. Rose of Lima School. Being able to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a community is

- Deacon Joe



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas! Kindergartners from KA hold up their family Christmas ornaments this week before they said a prayer and hung them on the school Christmas tree.

something that is a wonderful privilege and we do not take this cancellation lightly. However, due to the increase in COVID cases locally over the past few weeks, we feel it would be irresponsible to have close to 1,000 people in the church. We remain hopeful that we will be able to resume this tradition next year.

As an alternative, we have decided to film the students performing their Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 15 during the school day. Students should come to school on Wednesday <u>dressed in their costumes</u> for the concert. They can wear those clothes for the remainder of the day. If your student is having their school picture retaken on Wednesday, they can come to school in uniform and bring their costume to change into. We will be editing and sending out the video early next week.

Important Reminder about Basketball Games:

I want to send another reminder about the rules about our school basketball games and attendance. Because of COVID, **only two spectators per player or cheerleader are allowed to be in the gym at any given time**. If you have friends and family members who would like to attend a game, please communicate with them and plan accordingly so that more than two spectators per student including siblings are not in the gym together. Also, please remember that masks are required at all times in the gym. (With the exception of players who are actively playing in the game.)



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COMING UP... December 13

Food Bank <u>Donations Due</u> (Or you can <u>donate via PayPal here.)</u>

December 15:

- Picture Retake Day: You can <u>order pictures online</u> or you can <u>print this order form</u>.
- Christmas Concert Filming during the school day. Students should come to school <u>dressed in their</u> <u>costumes</u>.

December 17

- Falcon Friday and <u>Pretzels for a</u> <u>Purpose</u>
- Sock Deadline for <u>Student Council</u> <u>Sock Drive</u>

December 23

Half –Day Noon Dismissal (11:50 for Kindergarten)

December 24—January 2

No School—Merry Christmas!

January 3

Welcome Back! School Resumes

January 7

8:30 Mass & Noon Dismissal (11:50 for Kindergarten)





MONDAY,

DECEMBER 13