



Tiger Talk

It's About Them. . .

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For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Faith makes all things possible; Hope makes all things work, and Love makes all things beautiful. May you have all the three for this Christmas.

Merry Christmas! Cindy and Nancy

Christmas Programs

Dec- 17th - Pk3-4th Christmas Pageant 9:45 a.m. in the Church

5th-8th Christmas Program 2 p.m. in the Church

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PK3 ANSWERS YOUR CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS

Have you ever wondered "How do reindeer fly?" and "Why does Santa live at the North Pole?" Well, the Pre-K3 children were asked those questions and have some interesting answers for you.

Some of the answers to "How do reindeer fly?" are:

Reindeer fly ...

James-with red magic

Jack C.-with special powers

Gracie-by being attached to Santa's sleigh

Charlotte-with wings

Cecelia-with unicorns

Chase-by being with Santa

Here are some of the answers to "Why does Santa live at the North Pole?"

Santa lives at the North Pole because...

Mary-Katherine-it snows there

Stella-that is where reindeer fly
Emory-that is where his elf friends live
Joshua-he doesn't want you to touch him
MacKenzie-that is where he makes presents
George-that is his place
Nancy Nell-the North Pole is cold

This holiday season my class wishes everyone a life filled with child-like wonder, knowledge, and joy. May your life be blessed abundantly with love and friendship.

Athletic News:

In basketball the B team girls gave Keystone a good game. The A team Volleyball came to the court for an encore performance to beat the #2 Pencils.....

Excluding the "fill-in" defeat played vs. Holy Spirit, the Tigers are 3-0 in the boys' 6th grade league with wins over Castle Hills 1, TMI, and St. George this past weekend. The Tigers were overcome by Shepherd in a 36-50 battle.

Annual Giving

Thank you again for your many gifts to St. Luke's and your enthusiastic support of the 2009-2010 Annual Giving campaign. As we close for the Christmas break, we want to celebrate our donors in their respective giving categories (please see attached pdf giving update). As members of the St. Luke's parent community, it is our collective responsibility to participate in the campaign. Join the donors and celebrate our School, our community, and the incredible opportunities afforded to all St. Luke's students. We are blessed to be able to share such a list with you and wish you the best in the new year.

From the Office of Admission:

Current families and alumni are very important to St. Luke's, and we want to make sure we have a place for younger siblings for the 2010-2011 school year. However, we have received a **number of applications** from new families for next year, and they anxiously want to become a member of our SLES family.

Please remember if you have a student presently enrolled at SLES and you wish to enroll a sibling, you are required to submit an application for admission. **As we want to keep the class sizes small, there are a limited number of spaces available.** We are reviewing files for admission and contracts are being sent. Contact Margaret Ann Casseb, Director of Admission at 826-0664, Ext. 236 or e-mail at admission@sles-sa.org if you have any questions.

Eighth Grade Fundraiser

Pick up your TAMALES for Christmas! The pick up times will be during afternoon carpool Wednesday, December 16th. Elementary families may pick up their orders in the north driveway on Thursday, December 17th and Middle School families can pick up their orders after the Christmas Program in the Northex. If you need further information, please contact Jessica Koontz or Susan Janes. Feliz Navidad!

Semester Exams in Grades 6th - 8th

Semester exams are on the calendar for Dec. 11th - Dec. 17th. Parents in grades 6th - 8th have been e-mailed schedules. If you did not receive the e-mail please contact Margay Stillings.

PK3 through 4th Grade "Get Connected" Invite

Let's get connected function this Friday, Dec. 18th at Kiddie Park. It will be for PK3-2nd Grade @ 11:45 am. Double Daves will be available for sale, Santa Claus will be there, and the ride tickets are \$5.00.

R.E.A.D.

Congratulations to Pre-K4. The first 26 phonograms have been introduced. The students practice these letters and sounds daily and apply the corresponding Alpha Tale to each letter reviewed. What amazing memories the students have! We have also introduced these 2 letter phonograms /sh/ and /ee/. We are locating capital letters on our huge, colorful, letter chart. We use a magic wand which is fun. When students find the correct letter, they are asked to say the letter's sound or sounds.

Kindergartners have worked on antonyms by putting antonym word puzzles together. It is a very exciting time as we watch the reading progress being made in kindergarten. Students are reading books at various reading levels. Way to go Kindergarten!

Round Up Design Contest

Giddy Up Cowboys and Cowgirls! The Round Up T-shirt Design contest is underway. It's a tight deadline... all entries are **on or before December 17!** Entry forms are available either in the school office or in your homeroom. One winner will be selected from Middle School (5th-8th), Lower School (1st-4th), and Preschool (PK3-Kindergarten). One GRAND PRIZE WINNER will be selected from the three winning entries and the GRAND PRIZE design will be featured on the ROUND UP T-SHIRT! Get to colorin' pawdner...

Dance Footnotes:

The dance costume parent letter and costume order form are on the SLES Dance Program's webpage for downloading. A hard copy was also sent home with your young dancer. An exciting dance semester is coming up! All costume/recital fees are due by December 18th. They may be turned in at the front desk or to Paula Gorman. The SLES Dance Program's spring 2010 schedule/fees/registration forms will be online this week for your convenience. Spring dance classes begin January 4th. The dance field trip to NESAs' Steppin into the Holidays performance was a huge success! It was a fabulous display of talent and dedication.

Merry Christmas! Paula

Second Semester Chess Tournament and Encore After-School Chess Club

Harmony Hills Elementary Scholastic Chess Tournament on January 23rd. A non-rated scholastic chess tournament is open to all elementary school students. Registration is from 8:00-9:15 am the day of the tournament. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be raffles and puzzle contests with prizes to be won. Registration must arrive no later than January 8, 2010 with a check for \$6 per player made payable to Harmony Hills PTA. Contact Paul Slusarewicz at slusarewicz@sbcglobal.net with any questions. **See attachments for particulars.**

One tournament a month

Jan. 23	Harmony Hills (entry form need to be turned in to Mr. Anderson by Jan. 8th)
Feb. 20	Guadalupe Community Center
March	On-line Tournament
April 10	Guadalupe Community Center
May 15	Guadalupe Community Center

Encore After-school Chess Club will start on Wednesday, January 13th at 3:30-4:30pm and will meet twice a month. There is a fee of \$25 which covers t-shirt and snacks. Tournaments are open to all SLES students. Students do not need to be members of the Chess Club to participate in tournaments.

UTSA Downtown String Project:

Sponsored by the UTSA Department of Music, the UTSA Downtown String Project will be offering beginning string instrument classes for elementary students in grades three through five at the UTSA Downtown Campus. An informational meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at the UTSA Downtown Campus/Durango Building Room 0.206, 501 W. Durango St. Classes will begin on Thursday, January 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Classes will meet every Monday and Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. For more information call (210)458-5683 or e-mail <http://music.utsa.edu/orch/stringproject>. A completed registration form and tuition payment of \$75.00 will be required for each student.

Important Reminders:

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