



Our annual Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 15th. Teachers have requested that students dress up for this event. Instructions for each class is listed below. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher. Thank you

**Prek3:** Boys- Red or green shirt with a tie or bow  
Girls- Red or green dress

**Prek4:** Boys- Red or green shirt with a tie or bow  
Girls- Red or green dress

**Kinder:** Boys- Red or green shirt with a tie or bow  
Girls- Red or green dress

**First:** White shirt and a santa hat

**Second:** Red or green dress or shirt with black pants

**Third:** Boys- Black pants, white shirt and black shoes  
Girls- Long solid color skirt, white blouse, black shoes and style hair in a bun

**Fourth:** Any combination of red and green colors

### **Christmas Program Schedule**

**Prek3, Prek4 and Kindergarten 10:00 AM**

**1st Grade- 8th Grade 6:00PM**

**Potluck 7:00 pm**

**Please make sure your child arrives on time!**



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# The Borders Buzz

December 2016

## From the Desk of Principal Freeman...

### Calendar Highlights

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- December 9—  
HSA's  
Parents' Night Out  
6:00-9:00pm
- December 12—  
Our Lady of  
Guadalupe  
Celebration
- December 15—  
Christmas Program  
and Potluck  
6:00-8:00pm
- December 21—  
Noon Dismissal  
No STEAM  
No Aftercare
- December 22 through  
January 3, 2017—  
School Closed  
Christmas Break
- January 4, 2017—  
Students return to class

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"Advent should admonish us to discover  
in each brother or sister that we greet,  
in each friend whose hand we shake,  
in each beggar who asks for bread,  
in each worker who wants to use the right to join a union,  
in each peasant who looks for work in the coffee groves,  
the face of Christ.  
Then it would not be possible to rob them,  
to cheat them,  
to deny them their rights.  
They are Christ,  
and whatever is done to them  
Christ will take as done to himself.  
This is what Advent is:  
Christ living among us."

*Oscar Romero, December 3, 1978*

As I read this quote, I am reminded of the guiding light of Quakerism, another Christian faith to which I was exposed as a student at Friends School: "There is that of God in everyone." Let us take this time of Advent, this time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ, to bring ourselves to see this light in each other. What an incredibly important lesson especially to teach our children during this time. As these little beings grow up in our midst, with our love and care, let us remember this most important task of encouraging them to discover the face of Christ in each person and experience, no matter how difficult.

December brings to Archbishop Borders School a plethora of celebrations! On December 8th we will join parishioners at Sacred Heart of Jesus for that most holy celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us at 8:00AM that morning. December 12th brings us the Procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe starting at 9:00AM. Please join us and Father Bruce at the school as we honor this Patron Saint of the Americas. We will celebrate the Christmas season together as a school on Thursday, December 15th. The students and teachers are working hard to prepare for this joyous event, and I, for one, am looking forward to our annual (and delicious) potluck immediately following the show. I hope to see many of you there!

Our virtue of the month for December is Generosity. Please speak with your children about the concept of generosity, and the myriad ways they might express this virtue. Perhaps they could share a snack with a friend, or volunteer some time over Christmas break.



## Moving our Paws in the Right Direction

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This month's virtue is Generosity. Some of the ways you can demonstrate this virtue are:

Give from your own money to help others without expecting anything in return.

Give freely of your time without expecting anything in return.

Ask for forgiveness when you have hurt someone and be willing to forgive them when they hurt you.

Offer to help someone in class each day.

Share your supplies with someone who forgot theirs.

Do something helpful for someone without being asked.

Let another person ahead of you get a drink first at the water fountain.

Keep Earning Those Bobcat Bucks!

## Classroom News

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**Mrs. Carmen (Pre-K 3):** Pre-K 3 has learned so much about transportation. We made a giant boat that we called the "Mayflower 1620", and we had a ride to different parts of the world. Because it was a long trip we had books to read inside of the boat. They learned new letters - E, F, G- new colors: orange and green. Our THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION was full of gratitude, love, crafts, food and dancing. We went to Mass for the first time to give THANKS to God, and the kids did a wonderful job being respectful, responsible and safe.

**Mrs. Jo-Ann and Ms. Jackie (Pre-K 4 and K):** Pre-K 4 is preparing for the Christmas program, writing first and last names and finishing numbers to 10. They are also working on "el numero siete" (the number seven) for math and the "letra r."

Both classes are also about to start a unit "Los alimentos" (food). We will be starting with "frutas" (fruits).

**Ms. Reyes and Ms. Taylor (1st and 2nd):** Students in both grades are working hard to prepare for the Christmas Program.

**Mrs. Nieves and Mrs. Noble (3rd and 4th):** 3rd graders are working hard in LA Spanish. We are doing sutantivos and working with letters c and q. On math students are doing division. Parents, please make sure your child memorizes the multiplication facts. In science we are learning the states of matter. We want to thank all the parents for sharing with us on our Thanksgiving Breakfast. We did the Turkey Race and the winner won a 22 pound Butterball turkey. Congratulations to our winner Sarah Castor!! and they are using irony as their main literary device. Stay tuned!

**Ms. Dougherty, Mr. Rangel, Mrs. Traub, and Mrs. Adewuyi (Middle School):** In 5th and 6th grade Language Arts, students are creating their own compare/contrast mini essay...wow, this is hard work for them, but they are up for the challenge.

In Social Studies, the 6th grade is exploring the role of ancient rivers in South Asian civilization. We are learning all the different ways people have been using the Ganges River throughout the history of India, and its continued significance for Indian culture and society today.

## Classroom News, continued

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**Ms. Dougherty, Mr. Rangel, Mrs. Traub, and Mrs. Adewuyi (Middle School), continued:** The 7th grade is studying the foundation of the Roman Republic and the contributions the Romans made to Western ideas about government. Ask us about the difference between democracy and republic!

In Language Arts, they are completing their Compare/Contrast Essays, they are going about this step by step and their final drafts should be very interesting...can't wait!

The 8th grade is investigating individual rights and the responsibilities of government found within the U.S. Constitution. We will be exploring the development of these rights throughout the first period of American history. Meanwhile, in Language Arts, two students are writing a murder/mystery story that will have an interesting twist and they are using irony as their main literary device. Stay tuned!

We would also like to wish our 8th graders good luck as they take their High School Placement Test this month.

## Christmas Program and Potluck

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We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our students and families during our Annual Holiday Program and Potluck on Thursday, December 15th. We are asking families for donations to help us make this year's celebration the best yet. Each class has been assigned a different item. Items must be dropped off in the office or the cafeteria by 5:30pm on Thursday, December 15th. The program itself will start promptly at 6:00pm in the gym and the dinner will begin at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thanks!

1st Grade: Side Dish  
2nd Grade: Side Dish  
3rd Grade: Main Dish  
4th Grade: Main Dish  
5th Grade: Dessert  
6th Grade: Dessert  
7th Grade: Drinks  
8th Grade: Drinks

## Canned Food and Slipper Drive a Success!

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Dear Families and Students,

I would like to extend a special thank you to all students and school families who participated in our Slipper Drive to benefit the Tavon Loves the Kids Foundation.. You did a fantastic job and I am certain that your efforts will brighten the hospital stay of many sick children in the greater Baltimore area. I pray that during this season of giving, that you will all be blessed for your generosity.

God Bless,

Mrs. Janice McIntosh



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## Soccer Shots Winter Session

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Soccer Shots will be returning to Archbishop Borders to host a soccer league for students in grades Pre-K 3 through 3rd. This 7-week session will begin on Friday, January 13th. Coaches will pick up students every Monday and practice soccer with them in either the Archbishop Borders School gym or in the grassy area by the Archbishop Borders School playground. Practices will run from 3:00-3:45pm. Registration information went home in last week's Wednesday folder. Registration includes an authentic Adidas performance jersey as well. If you are interested in registering, please sign up at [Baltimore.ssreg.org](http://Baltimore.ssreg.org).

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## Mass

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As always, parents and guardians are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus for school mass. Mass begins promptly at 9:15am, so we ask that you arrive to the church by 9:00am. Our next mass will be Friday, December 16th. We will also have students in grades 3-8 participate in the Immaculate Conception celebration at Sacred Heart of Jesus. This mass will be Thursday, December 8th at 8:00am.

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## Tag Days

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Currently, there are no tag days scheduled for December.

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## Re-Registration

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Re-registration will open in 2017. More information will go home in the first Wednesday Folder after we return from Christmas Break.

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## Aftercare News

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I am pleased to share that we have two new staff members that are assisting during aftercare. Ms. Jasmine Richey and Ms. Stephanie Ramirez began in November and have been a wonderful addition to our community and have contributed beautifully to our program. The children have made their own memory game, festive ornaments, continue to read out loud to each other and we have added Spell-it-Draw-it similar to the well known game Pictionary. Also, Ms. Gina Baez has returned to offer Zumba to the kids every other Friday and the kids love it! I have taken pictures of the amazing lego creations and artwork which the children have made and will make a custom made 2017 calendar which will be on display when they return from Christmas break. Parents make sure you look for it hanging above at the sign out registration desk.

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## HSA

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There are several upcoming piñata workshops for parents who are interested. They will be held in the school's Board Room. The next sessions are Tuesday, December 6th from 6-7:00pm and Friday, December 9th from 8-9:00am.

Spots are still available for Parents' Night Out on December 9th. The HSA will be available to watch your student on Friday, December 9 from 6pm-9pm. This is the perfect time for parents to get some holiday shopping done, go on a date night, or whatever else you want to do. Archbishop Borders students only, no siblings allowed. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served. If your student has a dietary restriction, please send in their dinner and let us know ahead of time. Parents must pick up student by 9pm sharp or will be charged a \$20 late fee per student.

Please sign up at the front office or email [hsa@gmail.com](mailto:hsa@gmail.com) with: student's name, dietary restrictions, and emergency info for that evening.

# Calendar

December	7	Early Dismissal 12:00 pm, No STEAM No Aftercare Chat w/ Principal 6:00- 7:00pm
	9	Aquarium Field Trip Piñata Making 8:00 – 9:00am Parent Night Out 6:00 – 9:00pm
	10	High School Placement Testing
	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
	15	Christmas Program Prek-3- K 10:00am 1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:00pm Potluck 7:00-8:00pm
	16	Mass 9:15am
	21	Early Dismissal 12:00pm
	Dec 22 -Jan 3	<b>School Closed--Christmas Break</b>
January	4	Students Return to School Chat w/ the Principal 8:15-9:00am
	6	Tag Day S1
	7	General HSA Meeting 10:00 – 11:30am
	12	DL Program Parent Night 5:00-7:00pm