



SMOKE SIGNAL

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual school-wide Christmas program is this Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium. All elementary students should be dressed in their "Sunday best". Secondary boys should wear a **dress shirt** and tie, and secondary girls may wear Christmas colors or black/white. Please keep all attire within the school's dress guidelines. **Student attendance is required.** Invite your family and friends! Admission is free for this program with a free-will offering being taken. All students should be in the gymnasium no later than 6:45 pm.

SENIOR PECAN SALE

The turn-in for senior pecan orders is **tomorrow**, December 5. Thank you to everyone for your pecan orders and helping the senior class!

BOYS BASKETBALL

 Our boys JV and varsity teams play at Heritage Classical this Thursday at 5:00/7:30pm. The next game (varsity) is at home with Fulton on Monday, December 11 at 7:30 pm.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



The girls travel to Heritage Classical for a game this Thursday at 5:00/7:30pm. Their next game is at home with Fulton on Monday, December 11 at 6:00 pm.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

We are now able to take school payments by credit card or for lunches, aftercare, etc. (Payment of lunches is not for keeping a running tab at this time.) There will be a three percent surcharge per transaction. If you are interested in setting something up on a regular basis, let Miss Lewis know.

COMING UP

Christmas Store	December 7-8
Christmas Program (& Senior Auction)	December 8
Half day; class parties & start of break	December 15
Christmas break	December 18-January 1
School resumes	January 2
Soap order deadline	January 9

CHRISTMAS STORE SET-UP

There will be a Work Day/Night tomorrow (Tuesday) starting immediately after school (3:00 pm until done). This is to price items and get the store set up. Please call Judy Thompson (618-954-9231) if you have questions.



CHRISTMAS STORE



Please send in items for the Christmas Store (this Thursday and Friday) by Wednesday at the latest. The younger children especially will need help with shopping and help is also needed with wrapping gifts. **Please see the back of today's Smoke Signal for the schedule of each class shopping time.** Please call Judy Thompson (618-954-9231) if you have questions or can help, even for part of the day. This is a great blessing to all the students **but we need parental involvement, and grandparents are always welcome!**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNERS

Junior and senior students were recently given the opportunity to enter the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the VFW. The topic this year was "American History: Our Hope for the Future". The winners from our school were:

- First place, JoAnna Wooten, \$100
 - Second place, Emily Auten, \$75
 - Third place, Aaron Fox, \$50
- Congratulations to all on an outstanding job.



"The Arrival of the King"

All of our school families are invited to attend the cantata, "The Arrival of the King", at Faith Baptist Church (7505 N. Humbert Rd., Godfrey, IL) on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 am. Or you may come to the **final rehearsal on December 16 at 10:00 am.**



"WINTER WONDERLAND"

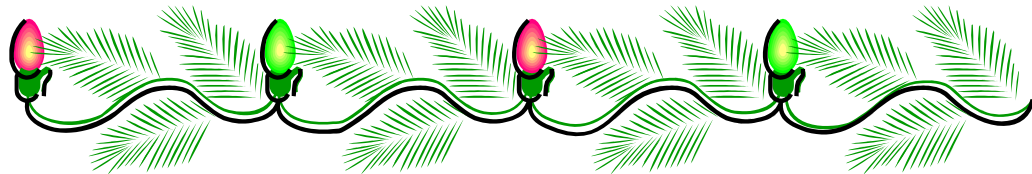
The Senior Class will be assisting with the "Winter Wonderland" Christmas display at Rock Springs Park on Monday evening, December 18 (suggested donation is \$7 per car). We hope folks can come out that night, enjoy the display and support the Senior Class as they work towards their Senior trip.

*"We recognize that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life.
The curriculum and all activities of Mississippi Valley Christian School are developed around this premise."*

Christmas Store

December 7 and 8

If you have not yet brought in your 10 items, please do so by Wednesday at the latest. Store pricing and set up will be tomorrow (Tuesday) after school from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm or until we get done. Even if you can only come for part of the time, your help would be greatly appreciated.



The Christmas Store will be set up in the Library. Parents may come in and shop with their child. **We welcome anyone to help the children shop and to help wrap gifts.** Please send in your child's envelope with their spending money on the day of the store. Gifts will be wrapped and sent home that day or the day after. Secondary students can shop during break and during study halls. Parents and teachers will be able to shop anytime on the second day. Also, children will only be able to purchase items for themselves on the second day. Please call Angela Martin (618-791-3802) if you have any questions.

There is something to do for everyone, so please come out and help!

Thursday, December 7

1 st & 2 nd	8:15 – 8:45
3 rd & 4 th	9:00 – 9:30
K-4/K5	9:45 – 10:15
5 th & 6 th	10:30 – 11:00
Open	11:15 – 11:45
Lunch Break	12:00 – 1:00

Friday, December 8

3 rd & 4 th	8:30 – 9:00
K-4/ K-5	9:00 – 9:30
1 st & 2 nd	9:30 – 10:00
5 th & 6 th	10:00 – 10:30
Open	10:30 – 11:00

Seniors' Silent Auction

The MVCS Senior Class has collected a wide selection of gift baskets, merchandise, services, and gift certificates to offer to you at the annual Christmas program. A silent auction will begin twenty minutes before the program and end twenty minutes after the program. Come prepared to bid on and win these fantastic items!

This is a great opportunity for you to:

- 📦 Buy some wonderful Christmas gifts
- 📦 Promote area businesses
- 📦 Support the MVCS Senior Class

