



The Guardian Newsletter

December 2017

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In the Know

Thurs. 12/7 - Cash Raffle Tickets Due
Fri. 12/8 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Christmas Programs

Sun. 12/10 - Hollidaysburg 4:00 PM
Mon. 12/11 - Altoona 7:00 PM
Wed. 12/13 - Middle School 7:00 PM
Cash Raffle

Pre-K Christmas Programs
Tues 12/12 Hollidaysburg 1:00 PM
Fri. 12/15 Altoona 1:00PM
Thurs. 12/21 - Early Dismissal



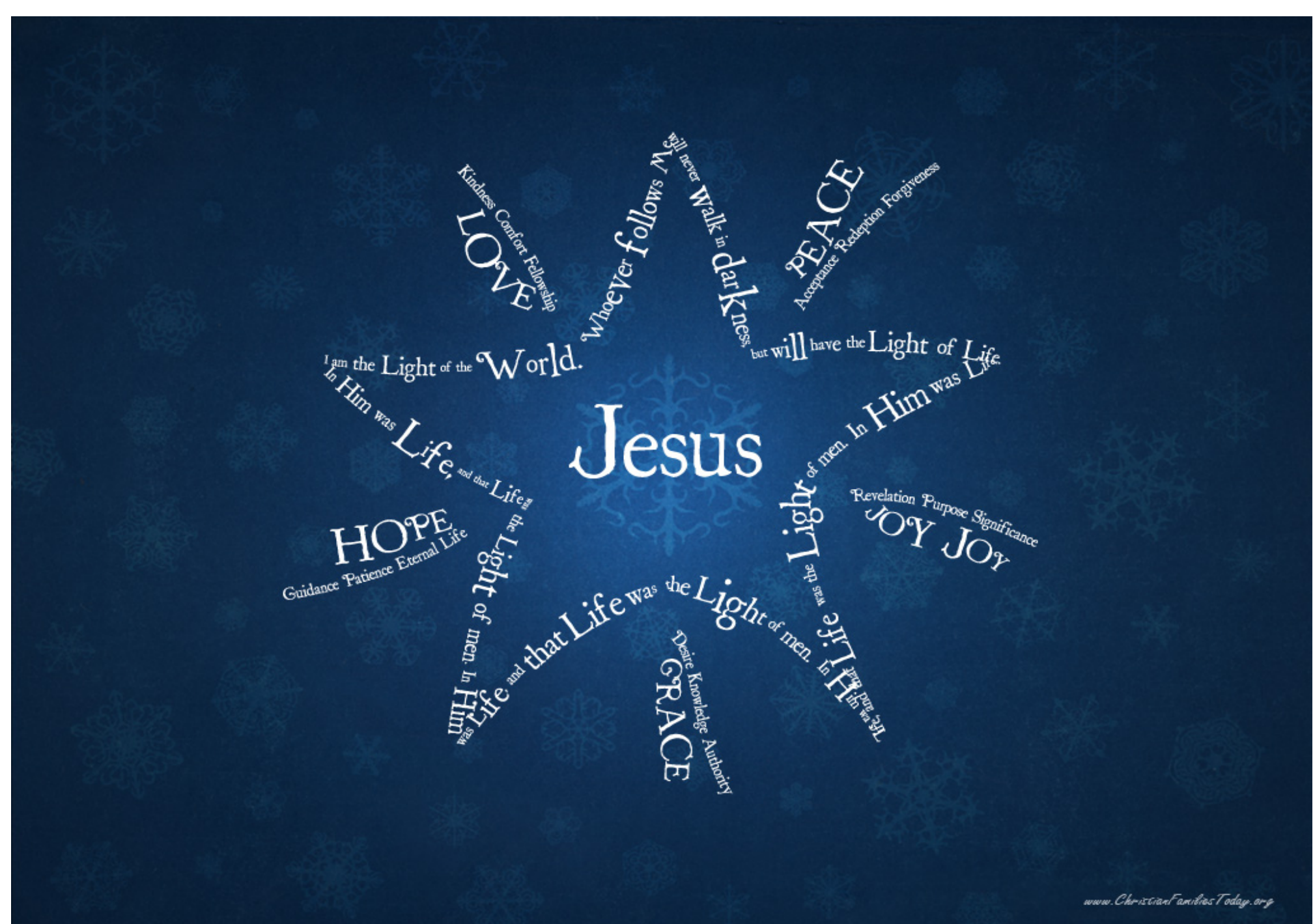
Dear HTCS Parents:

Advent is a time of waiting. Each year we prepare our homes and hearts to celebrate the season and to receive the Lord anew. And each year we think we know just when Jesus is coming, and how.

Our Mother Mary had a greater wisdom. She shared the hope of all Israel that the Messiah would come, yet when the angel appeared and told her that the Lord would come in an unexpected way, she did not protest or say "not me" or "not yet."

May we all learn to see how the Lord comes to us and be open to his spirit.

"You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming." –Mark 13:33



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HTCS Announcements/Reminders



Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

MASS TIMES

Middle School - 8:30 AM

HTCS Hollidaysburg 8:30 AM

HTCS Altoona - Noon



Catholic Schools Week
January 28- February 3



All school Talent Show.
Be watching for audition information.
Talent show will be held during Catholic
Schools Week.



CLOSINGS / DELAYS

EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAYS/EARLY DISMISSAL

It is the policy of Holy Trinity Catholic School to close school whenever the Altoona Area Schools are closed due to severe weather conditions.

Notification of Closing/Delays/Early Dismissal

Announcement will be made by phone through PowerSchool Messenger, along with notification on the ACCESS channel and local TV stations (WTAJ)

Early Dismissal

- In the event that there is an early dismissal in any of our school districts due to weather, families of students who receive transportation from that district will be notified.
- It will be your decision as to whether your child goes home early. If you decide to allow your student to stay in school, you will be responsible to provide transportation home.
- If a district calls off school and the AASD is in session, anyone who rides a bus or van from that district will also be responsible to provide their own transportation for the day.

HTCS Announcements/Reminders

Christmas Programs

Christmas concerts for grades K-8 will be held at the Maria Parish Center (Middle School).

Hollidaysburg Campus Sunday, December 10 at 4:00PM Altoona Campus Monday, December 11 at 7:00 PM
Middle School Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Programs for Pre-K will be held at the elementary campuses.

Pre-K Hollidaysburg Campus Christmas Program Tuesday,
December 12 1:00 PM in the Activity Center

Pre-K Altoona Campus Christmas Program Friday,
December 15 1:00 PM at Father Kelley Hall.

Would you like to sit in the front row and enjoy reserved parking spaces? We are going to raffle off the ten front row seats and two parking passes. Each campus will have a separate raffle. Tickets will be sold in strips of 10 for \$5.00. Send in the money in an envelope and we will send home the tickets. The winners will be pulled on Wednesday, December 6th at each campus.

Band Christmas Concert



The Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Music Department and Elementary Band will perform its annual Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 17 in the BG gymnasium.



HTCS Elementary Choir

Both elementary choirs will share holiday cheer this month. HTCS Altoona Choir will visit UPMC December 6th for the tree lighting service and sing Christmas Carols. HTCS Hollidaysburg will visit St. Leonard's on December 18 to share the joy of Christmas in song to the residents.

HTCS School News

Fortitude

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them knowing we are not alone."
-Pope Francis-

*The Lord
strength is my
and my song.*
Exodus 15:2

November Virtue Awards

Altoona Campus

Thomas Charlesworth, Reese Horell, Finley Gioiosa, Lily Burke, Xavier Farabaugh Abigail Chverchko, Alanna Gartmann, Xavier Rhodes, Ashlyn Carruthers, Lydia Wise Kara Wood, Amelia Orr,

Hollidaysburg Campus

Ronan Diehl, Amelia Deneen, Liam Schurr, Colin Schurr Olivia Hartkorn, Cooper Henry, Alex Krimmel, Connor Eberhart, Bryce Johnson, Damon Misiura, Troy Ruggery, Taurean Consiglio, and Lucy Hanlon

Middle School

Mara Kirkpatrick, Nancy Gunnett, Eva Drumm, Lex Dixon , Maddie Kling, Brenna Tupone, Lily Pearl Koehle, Jack Byrne, Melayna Steward, Evan Rimbeck, Emily Miller, Trent Querry, Elizabeth Adams, Sante Bambocci, Nick Nosek, Ian Durbin, Leah Homan, Sydnee McConnell, and Caityln McConnell

The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.
-St. Gregory of Nyssa

Service Projects

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus - Serving Others



We are conducting a TOY DRIVE to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society's Family Kitchen and the American Rescue Mission in Hollidaysburg. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys (MAXIMUM \$15.00) November 28-December 15
Gifts can be dropped off daily at each buildings school office area.

"You tell us that to love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus."
~Pope Francis~

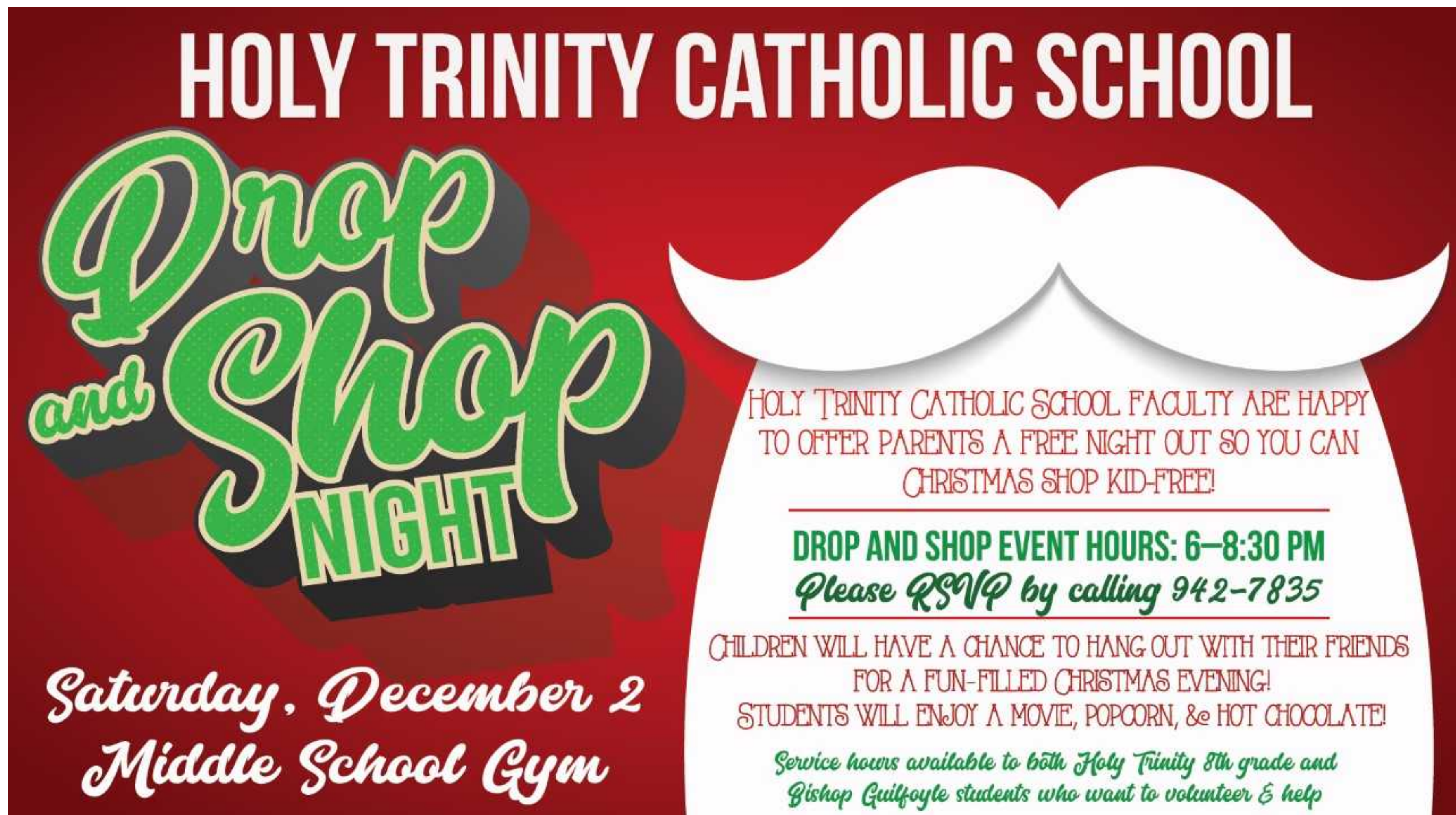
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HTCS School News

Drop and Shop - HTCS is offering a night for parents to drop their children off for a movie while they catch up on some holiday shopping. Students will enjoy a movie, hot chocolate and movie snacks. Please RSVP by Friday, December 1.



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Drop and Shop NIGHT

Saturday, December 2
Middle School Gym

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FACULTY ARE HAPPY TO OFFER PARENTS A FREE NIGHT OUT SO YOU CAN CHRISTMAS SHOP KID-FREE!

DROP AND SHOP EVENT HOURS: 6-8:30 PM
Please RSVP by calling 942-7835

CHILDREN WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO HANG OUT WITH THEIR FRIENDS FOR A FUN-FILLED CHRISTMAS EVENING!
STUDENTS WILL ENJOY A MOVIE, POPCORN, & HOT CHOCOLATE!

Service hours available to both Holy Trinity 8th grade and Bishop Guilfoyle students who want to volunteer & help



Christmas Program Help Needed

We need help on Saturday, December 9th setting up chairs and moving platforms/risers for the Christmas Concerts.

Set up will begin at 12:30 immediately following the last 3/4 basketball games.

Students can receive service hours.

The Mission of Holy Trinity Catholic School is to foster an environment of spiritual and intellectual growth by integrating Catholic tradition and faith throughout the educational process.

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HTCS Upcoming Events/Fundraisers

HTCS BASKET BINGO



Thank you to our wonderful sponsors for
Basket Bingo



CESARE BATTISTI CLUB

Allegheny Club



Cash Raffle tickets are due Thursday,
December 7.
Cash Raffle drawing will be held
Wednesday, December 13 during the
Middle School Christmas Program.

HTCS Monthly Bingo Sign-up



We are looking for workers to finish filling the
December - February Calendars.

For scheduling bingo please contact Bob Knopick by
text or call 814-935-0528 (text is preferred), or by
email at rak1290@atlanticbb.net

HTCS Gift Cards for Guardians Scrip Program



Be watching for Scrip promotions this holiday season.

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