



Merry and Blessed Christmas to You All

December 2016

Look what we found - pictures of Christmas shows long, long ago. If anyone knows the year, let us know - late 70's, early 80's? Hopefully you have fun or funny memories of performing in the OLV Christmas show. Reply with some thoughts and we'll include them in the new year newsletter.



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OLW Christmas Concert 2016

This year's annual Christmas show was as beautiful as ever. Led by Choir Director and music teacher, Mrs. Meghan Newell, and Band Director, Mr. Rich Pancratz, the students sang and played humorous, modern and traditional songs. The evening started with Beginning Band playing Jingle Bells and then second graders sang with their sweet voices, accompanied on one song by second generation Waysider, Jennie Jarog on the flute.

Fourth and fifth graders sang a traditional Spanish Carol and the middle school choir sang two traditional French carols. Of course, the evening ended with the traditional Nativity Play and Bible reading of the Christmas story by the Class of 2017.



December Service Projects

The **entire school participated in a Thanksgiving food drive**. Each homeroom adopted a family to feed and each student was assigned a part of the traditional Thanksgiving meal to bring in.

Middle school students went to Target one afternoon with middle school teachers and parent chaperones to shop for some less fortunate families. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, plus student council, each grade adopted one family and brought in donations that allowed them to shop for Christmas presents for that family. The students were asked to bring in their own money as well as donations from family. In total, they collected over \$1700 and were able to shop for four families. This shopping experience showed the students that some families even in our Arlington Heights community ask for basic items on their Christmas wish list instead of headphones and video games. Children ask for winter clothing; parents need to include diapers and baby supplies on their wish list. Then the students wrapped the presents one day after school and delivered them to Catholic Charities in time for Christmas.

Second graders were inspired by the book, *Last Stop on Market Street*, and decided to put together a snack bag for our PADS guest. Their goal was to brighten someone's day. According to homeroom teacher Mrs. Cooper, the contents of the snack bags – a water bottle, apple, orange, granola, fruit snack, crackers, and a napkin – were suggested by the students.

The **preschool classes** learned that small hands can make a difference. They created holiday art that was laminated into Christmas placements. They then shared their gifts with the elderly and lonely in our community in an effort to warm their hearts and remind them that they are not forgotten during this Christmas season.



We wish you all a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please follow this link to watch video clips from the 2016 OLV Christmas Program.

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