



16 December 2016

Planning Ahead

Friday, 23 December – **Early dismissal** for Christmas vacation. 12:00 noon.

Your children will likely have a Christmas Party on this day. **No lunch required.**

Teachers will let their individual homerooms know what to plan for.

Monday, 26 December-Monday, 1 January 2017– **Christmas Vacation.**

Monday, 16 January – **Martin Luther King Day. No school.**

Tuesday, 24 January – Regents Exam in **Global History & Geography**, 9:00 a.m.

Regents Exam in **English Language Arts (CC)**, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 25 January – Regents Exam in **Living Environment**, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, 26 January – Regents Exam in **U.S. History & Government**, 9:00 a.m.

Regents Exam in **Algebra 1 (CC)**, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, 27 January – End of 2nd Quarter

Saturday, 28 January – **MACSA Bible Quiz-a-thon.** Lancaster Co., PA

Monday, 30 January – **Half-year Celebration.**

Celebrating Diversity

Kudos to your kids for an amazing job in the Christmas program last evening! The theme of God's grace for all people was especially meaningful for me living in this neighborhood. Families from dozens of different countries, ethnic backgrounds, economic positions all living together in community.

Our church and school is a reflection of that as people from Africa to Asia, Canada to South America gather together to worship Christ, the newborn king.

The Apostle Paul wrote to Christians in Colossi, "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all" (Colossians 3:11). God's love is available to all people in all places. He invites anyone who is willing to repent of their sins and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord into his family.

That was the ultimate message of last night's drama, and the message of the Christmas season. "Come and worship Christ – the newborn king."

Grace and peace as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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