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**THIS MONTH'S THEME:**  
**Fruit of the Spirit**  
**Joy**



“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.”- Franklin D. Roosevelt

**SML  
TIMES  
DEC 2016**



**DATES TO  
REMEMBER:**

**DEC-2**– School  
Mass

**DEC-15**-Report  
Card Evening 5-7pm

**DEC-20**-Christmas  
Celebration at  
School

**DEC-21-JAN 3**-  
Christmas Vacation

**THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF ADVENT:** The word advent means “coming” or “arrival.” The liturgical season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation before Christmas. The focus of the entire season is the preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent began on Sunday, November 27th and it spans four Sundays and four weeks of preparation.

*Loving God, we open ourselves  
to you this Christmas season. As  
these candles are lit, light our  
lives with your imagination.  
Show us the power of hope.  
Teach us the peace that comes  
from you. Fill us with the kind of  
joy that must be shared. Magnify  
your love within us. Prepare our  
hearts to be changed by you, that  
we may walk in the light of  
Christ. –Unknown*



**CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!** On Tuesday, December 20th at 9:30am, SML will be hosting a Christmas breakfast for the students. Parents are asked to contact their child (ren)'s group teacher to discuss their contribution to the breakfast. Santa will also be paying us a visit on that day! Students in Cycle 1 will be receiving a gift from Santa while students in Cycle 2 will be participating in a gift exchange with their class. Parents are invited to spend this festive day with us! We will begin at 8AM by coming together and giving thanks, followed by our Christmas Program. Come on out!



**PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION:** The 2016-2017 School Year is already underway! Parental Contribution is an annual fee which assist the school in purchasing necessary materials to educate your child(ren). This fee can be paid at the office or online. Please do not forget to make your payment or pass by the office to put a payment plan in place.

merry *Christmas*  
to all, and to all  
a good *breakfast!*

**CALLING ALL PARENTS!** We are looking for parents to join our students and help them with their reading. Our goal is to have two parents for each class. We are asking parents to assist us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-8:15AM. Help us reach our goal! We need your help!



**REPORT CARD EVENING:** Parents are reminded to attend Report Card Evening on Thursday, December 15th from 5-7PM. If you are unable to attend, please make an appointment with your child(ren)'s teacher to pick up the report card and have a meeting. A kind reminder to schedule the appointment before the Christmas vacation.



MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF SISTER MARIE LAURENCE  
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH STUDENT AND THEIR FAMILY THE PEACE OF  
CHRIST FOR THIS  
JOYOUS SEASON. HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED 2017.