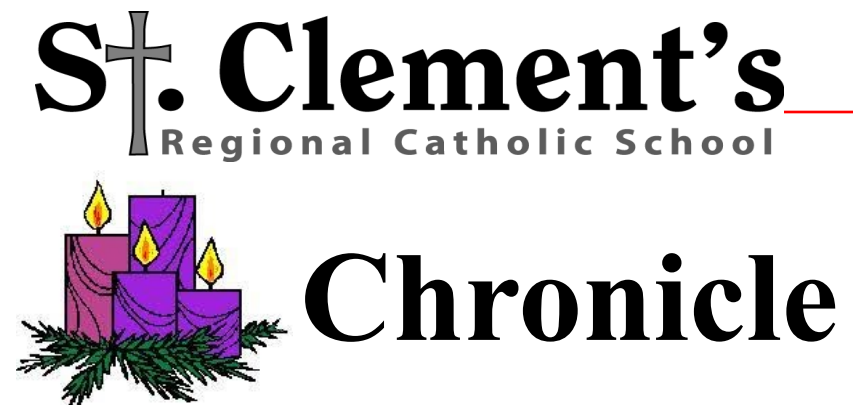
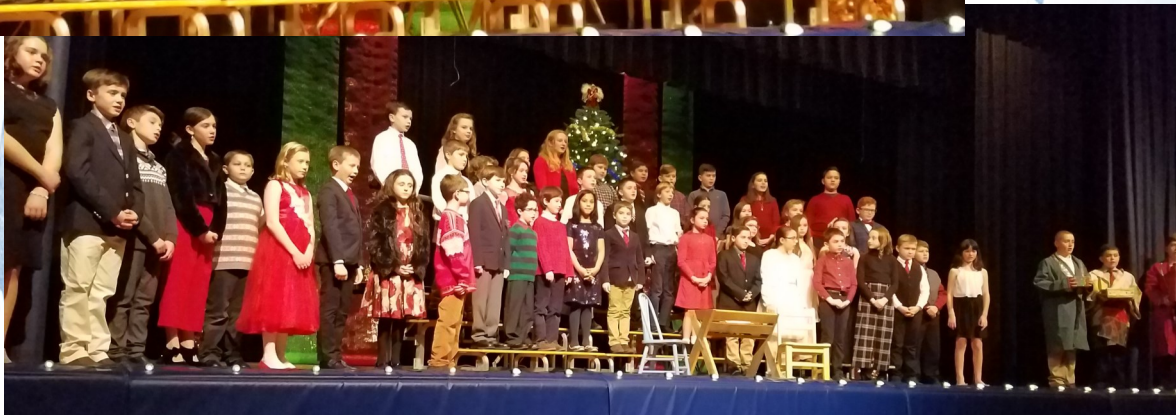


Christmas Concert Photo Gallery 2019



A Word from our Principal, Mrs. Kromm

The season of Advent will soon come to a close as we celebrate Christmas next Wednesday. Christmas is such a beautiful celebration of God's gift to us. It is so important to remember that Christ is with us always. Each of your children is a gift to us. We see them in all their "fine wrappings" on a daily basis. As the year progresses we also learn what is so special and unique about every single child. They each have special gifts and talents, strengths and weaknesses. And so do we! Working together with you, we try to help them see the best in themselves.

Last week we enjoyed our annual Christmas concerts. Thursday night we enjoyed our K-5 Concert entitled "Go Tell It On The Mountain.!" Then the next morning, we enjoyed the songs of Christmas sung by our Pre School children. It was great to see all of you there. After Friday's Pre-School Christmas concert, parents were invited up to the



kindergarten suite to find special ornaments made by their children.

Registration for our Early Childhood, Pre-K and JrK Programs is now underway. If you are already a part of our school and have another child in your family who would like to attend in September, please stop by the office and pick up a registration form. We do not want to miss anyone during this registration period. Siblings are given first priority during registration but must complete the registration process. If you know of anyone interested in our programs, please ask them to call or stop by before space becomes limited.

May we use these last few days of Advent to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. May we take the time to enjoy family and friends as we gather around the Christmas Tree.

God bless all of us as we work together for all God's children.

Have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Mrs. J. Kromm

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Dates to Remember

- ☺ Christmas Recess begins after school on Friday, Dec. 20th; school resumes on Monday, Jan. 6th
- ☺ Wednesday, January 8th: Mass at 9:30am
- ☺ Mon., January 20th- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday—NO SCHOOL
- ☺ January 26th- February 1st: Catholic Schools Week
- ☺ Thursday, January 30th: Annual Trivia Quiz at Saratoga Central Catholic High School

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O Holy Night!

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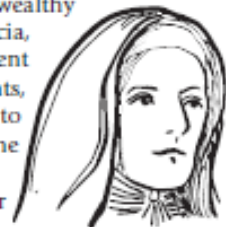
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Maria di Rosa

Born into a wealthy family in Brescia, Italy, Paula spent her time, talents, and resources to help others. She left school to help her father with the mill. She helped her brother run a school for deaf and mute girls and cared for those suffering from the cholera epidemic of 1836. She founded the Handmaids of Charity in 1840—a religious order which cared for the sick. Upon entering, she took the name Sr. Maria Crucifixa.



The first Christmas gift

Find something shiny or yellow that reminds you of gold. Use something fragrant (like an air freshener) to represent frankincense. Pour a small amount of oil into a small container to represent myrrh. Put these three gifts in a box, label the present with Jesus' name, and open it first on Christmas Day.



"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

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Have a peaceful Advent

Do you wish for an idyllic family Christmas complete with joyful music, grateful children, and tinsel-covered tree? For many parents, the weeks of Advent before Christmas mean weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and are wrought with family tensions, obligations, and overly excited children. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your family's observance of Advent and Christmas:

Be realistic. It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. It's okay to give fewer gifts and to keep what you give simple, meaningful, and from

the heart. For example, give a coupon for a household chore to someone who would appreciate an extra hand. Handmade ornaments make meaningful gifts that last.



Soothe the beast. Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for the season. Play your favorite hymns and carols to keep a peaceful tone in your home.

Reach out. Want to help children focus on something other than their gift lists? Do at least one good deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remember what is most important about Christmas.

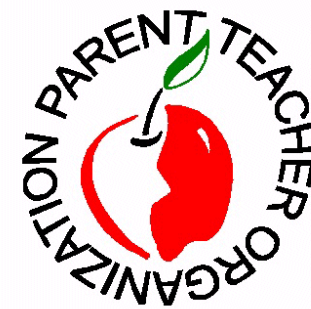
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Originally from Central America, poinsettias were used by early Christians to teach the faith. The bright red leaves recalled Christ's blood which was shed for us, while their arrangement evoked the Star of Bethlehem. In one legend, a poor Mexican



girl wanted to give something to the Christ child. Having nothing, she arranged weeds into a bouquet and left them before the manger. They grew beautiful red flowers, showing that she had given the best gift of all: genuine love.

Why do Catholics display poinsettias at Christmas?



Mission – The parents and teachers of St. Clement's PTO will collaborate, cooperate and communicate to create a school community where all of our children can grow in mind, body and spirit.

The PTO wants to thank our Christmas Party Co-Chairs, Michele Tellstone and Liz LaRose, for organizing a fun and festively decorated party! Thank you to all of the Room Parents who set up the wonderful booths, the parents who volunteered in the kitchen and craft table, the families who donated cookies, and everyone who attended the party and brought donations for the Franklin Community Center's Holiday Assistance Program!

Looking ahead to 2020, the Father-Daughter Dance will be held on February 8th and we are looking for volunteers to be on the Committee. Please e-mail ginny.rosborough@gmail.com if you are interested.

The Mother-Son Event will be held on March 13th and we are in need of co-chairs for the event as well as committee members. Please e-mail ginny.rosborough@gmail.com if interested.

Scenes from our school-wide Christmas Party—thank you to our PTO and all the volunteers who created these memories.



Thanks to all those who helped to sell our Christmas Trees & Wreaths this year.

There were a few chilly days and nights to sell our trees! Just 5 trees left to sell!

Thanks so much for volunteering your time!



Save the date!

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Spring Ball on Friday, April 24. It will take place at Saratoga National Golf Club.

The committee had a preliminary meeting this week. Volunteers are needed to help make this year's event a success. Next meeting scheduled for after the Christmas Recess.

Check out this week's broadcast of *Awake With The Angels* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vt5nTaMNP18>