

Los Altos Brethren School

Newsletter - December 2016

The Christmas Season excites everyone! We are feeling the joy and anticipation here at school too! This month, as we continue our quest to develop character, we are practicing **COMPASSION**. Your family might even consider this a way to say "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!" We are collecting unwrapped toys for the Long Beach Rescue Mission. The toys will be collected up until Friday, December 16th. These should be toys for children ages 0 - 12. In choosing and giving this gift, we can give our children the opportunity to see beyond themselves. There will be red buckets at both gates to drop your unwrapped toy. God will bless your child by teaching through this opportunity of giving as they are the hands and feet of Jesus!

We wish all our families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Staff at Los Altos Brethren School



ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, DECEMBER 15th

Come enjoy the All-School Christmas Program as we celebrate the birth of our Savior on Thursday, **December 15th at 6:30pm**. All students, kindergarten-6th grades, will participate. Please note that all ages are welcome; however, we will not be offering childcare. Please make arrangements if you feel your child is too young to attend.

Christmas Program Call Times

Doors open 5:30pm

Bands 5:45pm - Room 11 (2nd grade)

Choir 6:10pm - Music room

Kindergarten 6:15pm - Room 9

Grades 1-2 6:15pm - Basement

Grades 3-6 6:15pm - in 3rd Grade

Program begins at 6:30pm

All children must sit with parents in auditorium until their call times.



SPIRITUAL TRUTH FOR DECEMBER

God's Word teaches us that everyone is sinful by nature and cannot save himself.

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

As our children better understand this foundational fact from God's word, they understand more and more the deep significance of Christmas and God's greatest gift...Jesus our Savior.

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR DECEMBER... COMPASSION

Trying to understand how another person feels and acting toward him/her with care and concern.

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

First Trimester Report Cards

The first report card for this year will come home on Dec. 5th with your child.

Please watch for it.

Long Beach Rescue Mission

TOY DRIVE



Help brighten up a child's Christmas by donating a new, unwrapped toy or stuffed stocking for children ages 0-12. Please drop off your donations by 9:00am, Friday, December 16th. Send unwrapped gifts with your child or drop them in the red buckets outside the school & church offices. Thank you.

PSG UPDATE

- **Goodwill Drive ...**

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We earned \$1,300 by filling up bins on November 5th.

- **Jog-a-thon ...**

Wow! You raised over \$19,000! This will greatly benefit our students & school. Thank you for your generous donations! Thank you to our Jog-a-thon committee and all the parent volunteers who helped on jog day.

- **Next PSG meeting**

Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome. Free child care.

SCRIP UPDATE

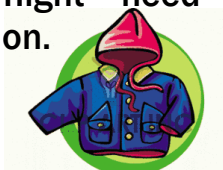
- **Shop SCRIP for all your Christmas gift cards.** Take a good look at our weekly scrip form. Movie tickets, iTunes, coffee cards - something for everyone!
- **Last day to order SCRIP is 9:00am on Monday, December 5th.** However, you can shop until December 16th from current inventory. SCRIP is available every day in the elementary office.



LONG BEACH TOWNE CENTER location only

Eat at Chick-fil-A at Long Beach Towne Center between now and January 31, 2017. Tell the cashier you are with Los Altos Brethren Schools. **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS.** Turn them into the school office. The school with the most receipts wins \$2,000. Share this with your friends and family.

Check the **Lost & Found** for sweaters & jackets. You might need them over Christmas vacation.



Coffee House
Friday Morning
7-9:30AM
All parents welcome to drop by!
All donations after cost will go to our school's parent support group.

Friday, December 16th
Class Christmas Parties and
Christmas Free Dress Day
Students may wear Christmas shirts, dresses, sweatshirts, socks, etc. All other clothing should be school dress code.
Don't forget that we will
dismiss at noon.
NO afterschool day care.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

- 12/5 - Report cards sent home
- 12/9 - Chapel, 9:30am, Band & Choir Perform
- 12/9 - \$300 Club Trampoline Party, 12:00
- 12/9 - PSG Lunch
- 12/15 - Christmas Program (K-6), 6:30pm
- 12/16 - 8:30am Chapel - BCHS Music Dept.
"Christmas" Free Dress Day
11am - Class Christmas Parties
No coffee house
- 12/16 - School dismissed at 12:00pm
No afternoon day care!
- 12/19 - 01/03 - Christmas Vacation
- 01/04 - School resumes, regular schedule

