# Weekly Notes December 10, 2024

# Office Notes

### Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- MSOR Christmas Party & Sleepover Friday, December 13th THIS FRIDAY!
- MSOR Holiday Program at Rome City Auditorium Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
  Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on this date
- MSOR Breakfast With Santa Thursday, December 19th
- Classroom Holiday Celebrations (1/2 Day of School Early Dismissal) Friday, December 20th
- Winter Break December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- School Resumes Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School) Monday, January 20th

### Late Stay Reminders

At this time we are unable to accommodate any drop-in late stay requests.

Please also note our Late Stay program will end at 4:15pm on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Holiday Program. All Late Stay students must be picked up by 4:15pm on this date.

### MSOR Christmas Party & Sleepover – Friday, December 13th

Your child is invited to join us for a Christmas Party & Sleepover on Friday, December 13th!

Students of all ages, including Toddlers, are invited to join us for an exciting evening of Christmas celebration including games, movies, dance, and more! The party is from 5:30-9:00pm and dinner will be provided.

Third-Year Primary and older are also invited to stay the night for a Christmas-themed sleepover! We will serve dinner during the party as well as breakfast on Saturday morning for our sleepover guests. Pickup is at 8:00am on Saturday morning.

Payment and sign-up forms are due prior to the start of the event.

- The cost for the party only is \$30.00 and this open to all ages, Toddler and older. This cost includes dinner.
- The cost for the party and sleepover is \$40.00 and this open to students aged Third-Year Primary and older. This cost includes dinner and breakfast.

*Our Christmas Party & Sleepover event is a fundraiser for the Adolescent & Secondary students who are raising money for international travel to Argentina and Antarctica this year. Thank you for your continued support!* 



Merry Christmas! We invite MSOR students of all ages to join us for a Christmas Party! We will hold a sleepover afterwards for 3rd Year Primary Students and Older!

Pick Up & Drop Off Party Only 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Sleepover 5:30 PM - 8:00 AM

**Activities** Games, Movies, Dance, and

# more.

Dinner will be provided

If you have any questions, please direct them to ashlete@msor.org

### Holiday Program – Tuesday, December 17th

Can you believe our Holiday Program is one week from today!? Don't forget: Ticket pre-orders are due by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Your child's teacher will reach out about costumes/dress for the show, but for the opening number we are asking that all students (Primary and older) wear black pants and a white or off-white long sleeve top. Toddlers will remain in their Christmas pajamas.

Please also keep in mind our Late Stay Program will end early at 4:15pm on the day of our Holiday Program so everyone has an opportunity to get dressed and arrive at the auditorium in plenty of time that evening.

# Montessori School of Rome Presents:

Tuesday, December 17th 6:00pm Rome City Auditorium

"We tend to think that the realm of music is the privileged area of some happy few. Experience has taught us, however, that if offered the right kind of education from very early age onwards, anyone is capable of entering the realm of music."

~ Maria Montessori

# MSOR Breakfast With Santa – Thursday, December 19th

Santa Claus is coming to MSOR! The Adolescent & Secondary programs are excited to host Breakfast With Santa on Thursday, December 19th!

Your child is invited to wear his or her Christmas pajamas and join us for an exciting morning with Mr. Claus himself!

Parents are not required to attend with your child, but are welcome to join if you wish as this event will take place during the regular academic morning on Thursday, December 19th.

The cost to attend is \$15.00 per student and \$10.00 per adult. Students who attend will enjoy a delicious breakfast including pancakes, fruit, and juice and will also have their photo made with Santa Claus. Sign-up forms and payment are due no later than Wednesday, December 18th to secure your child's spot. Checks should be made out to MSOR Adolescents.

We are looking forward to this special visit from Santa and hope your child can join us!

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# Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

December is in full swing! We are studying polar and arctic animals this month and getting ready for Christmas! Our Christmas Program is December 17th at the Auditorium downtown. We have already purchased costumes and props needed for this year's "Holiday Hits Through the Years." Our class will be the 2000's decade and we can't wait to perform. Almost everyone has paid the \$13.50 to cover the cost of costumes--There are just a few that haven't paid yet. *Please send in cash or Venmo Mrs. Kelly (@kelly-dougherty-2526) your child's portion.* 

We will be celebrating Sadie's birthday THIS Friday with a lunch provided by her mom and dad. No lunchboxes will be needed Friday! Happy 3rd birthday Sadie!

Thank you to Max's parents for donating cookie decorating kits to our class for next week's cookie decorating day. Also, Wednesday, December 18th is pajama day! We'll all want to be comfy after a night of hard work. (2) We will dismiss by 11:00AM on Friday, December 20, the last day of school before Christmas break. You are welcome to pick up between 10:00 and 11:00 though to avoid the congested parking lot! If you will not be here that day please let us know so we can send home your child's crafts and goodies with them on Thursday.

Just a few housekeeping reminders: When the weather is raining, drop off/pick up will be at the front door. If it is not raining, drop off/pick up will be at our normal location. We try our hardest to <u>not</u> make you have to drive in the main lot for pick up as it can become very congested with three other classes dismissing about the same time.

# Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Krístín's, & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class

We're in full holiday mode! We have been making lots of fun crafts, singing, dancing, and hunting for our elf, Jingles! We're also practicing for the holiday program!!

The holiday program, Holiday Hits Through The Years, is coming up quickly. It will be at the Rome City Auditorium on Tuesday, December 17, at 6 pm. We will sing two songs, Mariah Carey's, "All I Want for Christmas Is You," and Noodle Pals, "What Do You Want For Christmas." We will also be on stage for the beginning and ending numbers. I will meet you at the back of the auditorium to get your child before the program. Please arrive dressed and ready to go between 5:30 and 5:40. Make sure to give yourself plenty of time to find parking because the show will start at 6. They need to come dressed in their pajamas and tennis shoes. I will send pajamas home that day. If your child is potty training please put them in a pull-up for the evening. They do not need to bring anything with them. They will stay backstage the entirety of the program unless they are having a hard time and then I will bring them out to you. We will dismiss the children from the stage after the show. Ms. Shemi will announce the classes.

We are going to decorate cookies during the last week of class. If you would like to send in a small bag of candy or some icing to help with this project please let me know.

Just FYI, our last day before the holiday break is Friday, December 20th. It will be a half day so if you are not planning on coming that day please let me know so we can send home your child's Christmas goodies with them on Thursday.

Naomi is turning three this Friday! Her mom is providing pizza and cupcakes for lunch that day. Thank you to the Browns for lunch!

# Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Primary Class

Hello to everyone!! Hope you are enjoying this weather change. We have a few reminders to get through the next two weeks.

- 1. A flyer has gone out about Breakfast with Santa for next Thursday, December 19th. Please check it out for your child. It looks like a lot of fun.
- 2. Please be sure to label all outerwear.
- 3. Our music for our two songs went out yesterday in an email. Practice. Practice.
- 4. Birthday lunch for Robert is Thursday. It is pizza, fruit and a treat.
- 5. You can now pre-order your tickets for the biggest show of the season—- our holiday program. You can slide through the decades with us. Please see Ms. Jamie for the tickets.
- 6. A Christmas party fundraiser will be happening Friday, December 13th. Please see Ms. Jamie or an adolescent/ secondary student for the information.
- 7. No lunches needed on Monday, 16th or Tuesday, 17th. We have birthday lunches both days.
- 8. Holiday program practice is Tuesday, 17th at the auditorium. You will drop your child off and pick up also. Please see Jamie for the times.
- 9. Any questions about costumes, please let us know.

Have a great week!

# Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class

Last Friday's performance of "The Wiz" at the Rome Auditorium was a wonderful experience for the kids. We were pleased to see so many parents also attended.

We are in full swing for the holiday season in the classroom and enjoying learning our songs for the Holiday Program next Tuesday, December 17th. Please look for further information from the Office.

Please remember that your child will need two outfits for the performance. One outfit of white longsleeved shirt and black pants and second outfit is Bermuda/board (Capri) shorts and a beach/surfer/Hawaiian shirt. Please have your child wear the first outfit (white shirt & black pants) over the second outfit.

# Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

This week we will send home the last homework packet of 2024! Please be sure that students return homework folders and library books this Thursday.

We haven't had anyone volunteer to send in oranges and cloves for a holiday project. Please let us know if you can send any by the end of the week.

We are looking for boomboxes to use for one of our holiday program songs. Please let us know if you have one in the attic or electronics recycling bin....ask your parents!

This Friday, we will celebrate December birthdays for Lilah and Lyra. We will have a Chinese lunch :) with fried rice, stir fried rice noodles, steamed fish, and eggrolls. We will also have a veggie tray and cupcakes. Please send water, a snack, and anything else your child may need that day.

Have a good week!

# **Upper Elementary Class**

# Secret Snowflake & Firecracker Gifts

Students will come home tomorrow with the name of their Secret Snowflake. The budget for Secret Snowflake gifts is no more than \$20, and the budget for Firecracker gifts is no more than \$10.

# HOLIDAY COSTUMES

# Christmas Canon & Santa Claus is Coming to Town

-All: White/Off-White Long-Sleeved Sweaters, Black Pants, Black Socks.

# The Christmas Two-Step & Happy Holiday

-All: Flannel Long-Sleeve Shirt(preferably winter colors), Blue Jeans (with pockets and belt-loops), and Cowboy Boots. The boots may be either full-length or booties.

### 6TH YEARS: MIDTERM EXAMS

6th years who are taking Adolescent Classes will begin having cumulative exams starting THIS Friday. Friday from 12:00pm-3:00pm is their Spanish exam, Pre-Algebra is slated to happen either next Monday or the first week of January (depending on Chapter 7 completion), and Ms. Karen's Literature Exam is Wednesday December 18 from 7:45-10:45am.

### 6th Year Tennis: Later Start

To accommodate for the Spanish Midterm Exam, we will depart for tennis at 3:00, and have tennis 3:30-4:30pm at Lawrence.