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# MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

*Weekly Notes December 9, 2025*

*Office Announcements*

## Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- **MSOR Holiday Program: *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*** – Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
  - *Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm*
- **Lower Elementary Winter Wear Drive** – Now through December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Holiday Classroom Celebrations (½ Day)** – Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Break** – December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **School Resumes** – Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Open House** – Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>
- **MLK Jr. Day (No School)** – Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

## MSOR Holiday Program & Rehearsal Details

We are so excited for the Holiday Program to take place one week from today on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>! Our students, faculty, and musicians have been working tirelessly to bring you an exciting evening you are sure to love. We can't wait to see you there!

**Please note:** There will be a required morning rehearsal at the Rome City Auditorium on the morning of our performance (Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>) for all programs Primary and older (Toddlers will not attend).

*Please see below for our rehearsal schedule:*

**Toddler:** Toddlers **will not attend** our morning rehearsal at the Rome City Auditorium on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Toddlers may treat that day like a regular school day, however, if you wish to keep your child home to rest before the big concert you are more than welcome to do so. Toddlers should plan to arrive at the Rome City Auditorium that evening no later than 5:30pm and should be fully dressed and ready to go. **Please note, Late Stay will end at 4:15pm and all Toddler/Primary students must be picked up prior to that time.**

**Primary:** Primary students **will attend** our morning rehearsal on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and should plan to arrive at the Rome City Auditorium at 8:30am. Parents, please be sure to only utilize designated "Guest" parking or the public parking decks only – cars that do not park where they should will be ticketed and towed! **Pick-up time from the Auditorium is 10:45am for Primary.** Primary students are encouraged to go home from

the rehearsal and rest for the day until the call time of 5:30pm. If your child does return to school, please note Late Stay will end at 4:15pm and all students must be picked up prior to that time.

**Lower & Upper Elementary:** Lower & Upper Elementary will attend our morning rehearsal on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and should plan to arrive at the Rome City Auditorium at 8:15am. Parents, please be sure to only utilize designated "Guest" parking or the public parking decks only - cars that do not park where they should will be ticketed and towed! Pick-up time from the Auditorium is 11:00am for Lower Elementary and 11:15am for Upper Elementary. Please note Late Stay will end at 4:15pm and all students must be picked up prior to that time. Students should arrive to the Auditorium dressed and ready at 5:30pm.

*Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and all students must be picked up no later than 4:15pm so everyone has ample time to prepare for the Holiday Program.*

Montessori School of Rome Presents:

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas



Tuesday, December 16th 2025  
Rome City Auditorium  
6:00pm

*Montessori School of Rome*

*Presents*

# *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

*2025 Holiday Program*

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*Tuesday, December 16th*

*6:00pm*

*Rome City Auditorium*

Don't find yourself standing in line on the night of.... Order your tickets ahead of time!

Our ticket pricing helps cover the rental costs of the auditorium, musician and music fees, technician fees, decorations, and more! We are so excited to have you join us for our MSOR 2025 Holiday Program.

## **Ticket Order Form**

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Please write down the number of tickets you would like to order in the blanks provided below and submit this form, along with your payment, to reserve your tickets. You may return your order form and payment (cash or check only) in your child's lunchbox or drop off in the Office. Please make checks payable to Montessori School of Rome. Purchased tickets will be sent home in your child's lunchbox or backpack.

*Tickets are not required for MSOR students as they will be performing.*

***How many tickets would you like to purchase?***

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Ticket(s) - \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Child Ticket(s) [4-12 Years] - \$5.00

\*Children 3 years and under are free.

**Deadline to pre-order tickets is Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**



# MSOR Winter Wear Drive



**Led & Organized by our  
Lower Elementary Classes**

## What We're Doing:

Montessori School of Rome Lower Elementary students are partnering with the Floyd County Police Department to collect clean, gently used winter clothing items to be distributed to local shelters in our area. This service project will be led and organized by Ms. Robin's and Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary classes. We will be collecting these items over the next 2 weeks, and we kindly ask that our MSOR community participate so we can help keep families warm this winter!

## Items Needed:

- Jackets/Coats
- Sweaters
- Hats/Toboggans
- Gloves
- Mittens

We are requesting clean, gently used items only, please.

**Help us help  
our community!**

## When:

**Wednesday, December 3rd through  
Wednesday, December 17th**



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## STEM Kit Announcement

MSOR STEM Club is now taking orders for a New Year-themed STEM kit! These kits are amazing take-home experiments suitable for grades K-6, and instructions are included! They will be delivered to students the week of December 15th so they can complete them at home over the holiday break! The deadline to order your child's New Year STEM kit is Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, all proceeds from the sale of STEM kits and STEM Club enrollees go toward the Adolescent & Secondary international trip to Japan in Spring 2026. Thank you for supporting our school!



### *Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class*

This week we have been so busy practicing for the holiday program, learning about different Arctic animals and making crafts for Christmas. It's been fun but oh so busy!!

Please read the December newsletter that went out Saturday. So much information in it for the rest of the time we have before holiday break.

We would love some volunteers to bring plain sugar cookies to decorate the last half day of school. Also, icing, sprinkles and whatever else you think the children might like on their cookies!

Our holiday program is a week from today. Please have your child at the Rome City auditorium between 5:30 and 5:40. We go on stage at 6:00. They need to wear the Christmas pajamas we ordered and tennis shoes please. If you need to grab your child after our performance, you are welcome to do so. We do go back out for the finale but the children really don't practice those songs. The following day is pajama day at school so let them wear pajamas to school!!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Stephanie

### *Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class*

This week, we are continuing with our Arctic theme. They really enjoyed watching videos of a beluga whale blowing bubble rings and playing catch with a football.

We have been talking about their blowholes and how they spout when they come up for air.

We are gearing up for the holiday program on December 16th. We are doing 2 songs and a poem. We are doing a scarf dance to the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." Our poem is "Five Little Stockings". The grand finale is "We Wish You a Merry Christmas", the Super Simple Songs Version. They are doing awesome! We have all of their outfits ready to go! If you have not sent in your \$20 to me, please do so. I will send home costumes on Monday. The night of the concert, please send them in tennis shoes. If you have a child who has potty accidents, please send them in a pull-up or diaper to the show so we don't have any costume malfunctions. The children will stay backstage with me until the end of the show unless they are having a hard time.

Please send in a labeled coat, hat, and mittens daily. We still have children coming to school with no coats, and it's very chilly at our playground time. You are welcome to leave a set of outerwear here so you don't have to take it back and forth every day.

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Kristin & Ms. LaKosta



## *Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class*

We have been practicing for our holiday program that is next Tuesday at the Rome City Auditorium. We will have practice on Tuesday morning at the auditorium at 8:30.. Children will need to be dropped off there by 8:30 and picked up around 10:30ish. I will be there at 8 so if anyone is early. You must walk your child into the auditorium and find Ms. Kelly or myself before leaving. Your child may come to school or go home for rest. Any child that comes to school on Tuesday will rest after lunch. Please let us know on Tuesday if you are taking your child home.

- Please send in a large bag by next Wednesday so that we can send your child's things home.
- No lunch needed tomorrow (Wednesday). Thank you to Fateh's family who will provide a pizza lunch.
- No lunch needed on Thursday (12/11). Dia's family will provide chicken tenders and macaroni and cheese.
- No lunch needed on Friday 12/12. Robert's family will provide pizza for lunch.
- Please make sure that you have your child's outfit for Tuesday evening. Girls--Red dress from Amazon with black shoes. Boys--red shirt ordered from Amazon with black pants and black shoes.
- They do not wear their costumes to rehearsal on Tuesday morning but will wear it Tuesday evening for the program.
- Please see the office for tickets to the program.
- Breakfast for lunch next Wednesday 12/17 provided by Ms. Kelly and Ms. Angie. Also, pajama Day and movie morning. No lunch needed on this day.
- We will also do our book exchange next Wednesday 12/17 Please send a wrapped book with your child's name on the tag. We will play a game to see which book your child gets.

Please see Ms. Angie or Ms. Kelly if you have any questions.

Merry Christmas!!!

Ms. Angie & Ms. Kelly

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

The kiddos have been working hard getting ready for the Holiday Program. There will be a rehearsal on the morning of Tuesday, December 16th at the Rome City Auditorium. Please drop-off at 8:30 am and pick-up at 10:45 am. We highly encourage all students to go home and rest before the evening performance. All Primary students are to arrive at the auditorium fully dressed and ready at 5:30pm on Tuesday night.

There is no need to send in a lunch tomorrow (Wednesday). Thank you to Joy's family who is providing a pizza lunch for our class!

If you have not already done so, please remember to send in your \$5.00 which goes towards the cost of your child's Holiday Program costume.

Thank you,

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

## *Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class*

Parents,

We're having a productive week-focusing on regular work in the early morning and then switching into holiday gear to work on art, crafts, music, and dance. We have changed our International Day country to Canada, so we're learning about Canada as we craft Canadian themed ornaments for our tree.

A favorite Canadian dessert at Christmas is a Bouche de Noel. If anyone is able to make one or locate one to purchase for our class as a holiday party treat next Friday, please let me know. Friday, 12/19 is a half day, and it is PAJAMA DAY!!!

The response to our coat drive has been wonderful so far! Please continue to search and clean out those closets to find gently used winter coats and accessories for cold weather.

Rehearsal for the holiday program is next Tuesday, 12/16 at the Rome City Auditorium, 601 Broad St. Drop off at the auditorium at 8:00 and pick up at 11:00.

Students should arrive at the auditorium that evening fully dressed at 5:30pm. (Holiday sweater, black pants, sneakers.)

Please send \$2.00 in cash to cover the cost of the hats. You may turn it in to Ms. Maggie, me, or Ms. Jamie.

Have a good week,

Ms. Robin

## *Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class*

Happy Tuesday!

Our holiday program is Tuesday, December 16th. Practice for the program will take place at the Rome City Auditorium (601 Broad St, Rome, GA 30161) on the morning of the 16th. Students need to be dropped off at the City Auditorium at 8:15 a.m. and picked up by 11:00 a.m. Students need to arrive at the auditorium fully dressed and ready by 5:30 p.m. on the evening of the 16th.

Students need to wear a plain holiday sweater (without wording) and black pants to the evening performance. I have purchased elf/reindeer headbands for the students to wear. Please send in \$2 for the headband.

Your children need some information to complete a school project. Please help them write down all of their immediate family members' birthdays. They just need the month and date for all members of your household. Please send it in their homework folders this week. Homework is due tomorrow. No spelling for this week.

Friday, December 19th, is a half day. Please pick up your child from our gate (playground) at 11:30 a.m. December 19th is also Pajama Day. Please come to school in pajamas and bring a book bag. If you would like to send in a holiday treat, please let me know.

Winter Break: December 22nd- January 2nd.

Ms. Maggie



## *Upper Elementary Class*

The Holiday Program is quickly approaching, and we wanted to share some important details with you:

**Costumes:** I have sent the girls' dresses home. Please press the dresses without washing or cleaning them to avoid shrinkage or damage. To match the 1940s/50s theme, we ask that girls wear tights and dress shoes, with their hair styled in curls or pulled back with a headband or bow.

For the boys, they should wear either an argyle or a solid V-neck sweater in Christmas colors, paired with a solid or plaid shirt in similar colors. All boys need to wear black or dark navy dress pants, dark dress socks, and dress shoes.

**Secret Snowflake:** We will be playing two games at our Classroom Christmas Party on December 19th. Each student will draw their Snowflake on Friday [12/12], and the name must remain a secret! Students are only allowed to share their Snowflake's name with their parents.

On the day of the party, each student should bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20, with the recipient's name attached, and place it in a trash bag. The teachers will place it under the tree.

**Chinese Firecracker or White Elephant Gift:** We will also be playing the annual Firecracker Game, which involves trading, exchanging, and stealing gifts to get the most sought-after item. Students should bring an unwrapped gift valued between \$5 and \$10.

**Christmas Party Food:** Our traditional Christmas Breakfast will take place on December 19th. If you would like to contribute a breakfast dish or beverage, please reach out to me, [Ms. Shemi]. We want to have a mix of savory and sweet items, along with orange juice and hot cider.

**Caroling at the Nursing Home:** We plan to visit Renaissance Marqui on the day of our party to spread holiday cheer.

**Ice Skating:** Kim and Jon Headrick have generously donated a class outing to the Rome Ice Rink. We will announce the date and time for this fun outing soon.

**Looking Ahead to 2026:** Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- In January, our trip will be to the Atlanta Aquarium, tentatively scheduled for January 14th or 15th.
- Our trip to Washington, D.C. is currently planned to depart on March 18th and return on the evening of March 20th. Please note that this trip may change to the week prior, but it will not be scheduled for the following week or during Spring Break.
- In Late April or early May, our class plans to take a trip to Cherokee, NC.

Have a fantastic week!

## *Adolescent & Secondary Classes*

**Christmas Program Costumes:** Please bring in costumes as early as possible to get approved, tomorrow is not too early! Ms. Ariana will send out separate correspondence with logistics for Tuesday.

**Exams:** Reminder to encourage studying every night, regardless of whether homework was assigned or not!