



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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December 19	Dec 23-Jan 3	January 6	January 15	January 17
Christmas Program	Christmas Vacation	Classes Resume	Minimum Day/TCP	2nd Quarter Ends

Students Practice for Program

It has been a very busy week for our students as they practice for their upcoming Christmas program. Bells have been ringing, and children have been singing. As expected there are a few bumps here and there especially now that we have added microphones and musical tracks, but it is coming along and we are very excited to share the end product. Next

week will even be busier as each day gets us closer to show time. Friend and families are welcome to our Christmas Program on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm.



Bell Choir

Yesterday, the bell choir reached out into the community by playing at Westfield Shopping Town. Holiday shoppers were able to listen to the beautiful music which reminded them of the reason of the season, Jesus.



Christmas Program Attire

Christmas Colors, Church Dress

For our Christmas program, all students in our Tk-8 grade need to wear church dress: dresses/skirts for girls, nice pants & shirts for boys. All attire needs

to be Christmas colors: red, green, or white. Silver & gold works, too! Boys' pants need to be either black or khaki and everyone should have dark shoes: gray, brown, or black.

NO UNIFORMS FRIDAY!
 All students can wear Christmas colors & festive attire!

You Are Invited
 Palm Desert Oasis Church
 Saturday, December 14
 10:30 am.
 Bell Choir to Perform

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dec. 16-19	Pizza	Burritos	Grilled Cheese	Enchiladas



Holiday Shopping Fun Facts:

- The average American spends about \$786 on holiday shopping.
- The average holiday shopper will spend \$107.50 on themselves.
- Satellite images of retail parking lots are used to predict how well retailers will do during the holiday season.
- The busiest shopping day of the year is not Black Friday but the Saturday before Christmas.
- Approximately 42% of U.S. consumers use Amazon as their gift buying destination.
- One in three shoppers believe it is more important to

spend money on loved ones than it is to stay within a budget.

- 40% of Americans begin their holiday shopping before Halloween.
- The National Retail Federation considers the “holiday shopping” season to be the full months of November and December, which is usually 55 days.
- Those who use their smart phones to holiday shop tend to spend more than those who don’t use their phones.



Bible Text of the Week

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

[John 10:14-15 NIV](#)



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

Grades 7th & 8th Remember the Reason for the Season

Christmas is quite often glorified for the wrong reasons. What can Christmas do for me, instead of what we can do for others, not only at this time of year but for every day of the year. Therefore, to get my class thinking about the latter, I have asked them to write a small paragraph on what Christmas means to them in relationship to their Savior:

Randy Garcia

What Christmas means to me is that we should give to others. It doesn't matter if we receive a present or not, just as long as we give a present. We should feel happy because then we will know that we did something good.

Ariana Avalos

Christmas for me is love, joy, and God and to be with my family.

Emely Gonzalez

Christmas is a reminder of the never-ending love of God. It is a day to be thankful for all of God's blessings

Kristoph Stein-Steele

Christmas means to me that Jesus is here and He will save us if we choose to repent and follow Him.

Ryan Garcia

Christmas is about sharing the love of Jesus and also giving to others and those who are less fortunate.

Noah Rich

Christmas means to me that it is a reminder that Jesus was born. It's also about the candy cane, one of my favorite treats because it reminds me of a shepherd cane. But when you turn it upside down it's a J for Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

- Mr. Emery

