

Thursday Thoughts
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Principal

I want to thank all those who supported our teachers' annual poinsettia sale in any way, shape, or form. I especially want to thank our teachers for continuing the annual sale, the profits from which go directly toward tuition assistance. Combined with the spring flower sale, our teachers contribute nearly \$12,000 a year toward assisting families with financial need by way of tuition assistance. There are many families that benefit from this tuition assistance, and for some, it makes the difference between sending their child to our school or the public school. It takes a lot of time on our teachers' part to tally up the orders, place the orders with the greenhouse, sort and organize the plants when they arrive and then make sure each order is filled correctly. Many thanks also to our students who help unload the trucks and help carry the plants to customer's vehicles. The December weather isn't always the best but I know the teachers appreciate the time our students give to helping make the sale a success. And finally, thanks to all those who purchased a poinsettia! May each plant last until Easter! Believe it or not, some people have actually brought in pictures showing their poinsettias blooming on Easter!

In your Thursday folder is a form that I am asking you to complete and return to school as soon as possible. It deals with our emergency phone service that we hope to get up and running soon. We need one land line phone number and two cell phone numbers from each family so we can contact each family in case of an emergency situation and to also make use of the system on days when school is closed due to weather. If you did not receive this information form, check with the office and we will provide you with one. Deadline for returning the completed form is Wednesday, December 16th.

These are very busy times and I hope that you and your families take time to experience the season of Advent. With Christmas carols being played the last month on the radio, Christmas decorations up and ready before Thanksgiving and people busy Christmas shopping, the beauty and mystery of this season often gets lost or is only thought about when we attend church on the weekend. We are trying to make Advent a daily celebration as we share the readings of Advent with our students, the symbolism of the Advent wreath, and remember those less fortunate by sharing what we have with those in need. Hopefully, we will all take time to experience this season that brings us to the incarnation of our savior.

Until next week . . .