

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

November 7, 2023

Greetings Parents and Guardians!

Can you believe that Christmas Season is almost upon us? This year has flown by as usual! The students and I are beginning to prepare for our annual Christmas Program.

This year, we will be performing A Candlelight Processional! The Candlelight Processional is a collection of songs, stories, and acting that plays homage to the birth of our Savior!



THE CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL, IS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 6:00PM IN THE CHURCH. STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN THEIR CLASSROOMS AT 5:30PM THAT EVENING. PLEASE HAVE THEM EAT DINNER BEFORE ARRIVAL. NO FOOD WILL BE SERVED THAT NIGHT. It is imperative that students show up on time and in costume! **PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL AND ON TIME!** Students will receive a grade for this performance, so encourage them to do their best.

We have some rules and procedures in place to ensure that we keep in mind that we are in a church setting which is different from a performance venue. We are striving to honor God and respect that we are in the church.

- 1. Attendance will be limited to immediate family** parents or guardians, brothers, sisters, and grandparents of the students. Please stick to this rule. You are required to RSVP through [this link](#) by **Monday December 11, 2023, at midnight.**
- Doors will open at 5:30pm at the Church. **Please have your entire group together.** There will be a check in table at the side entrance closest to our classrooms. Please enter from that side.
- Once in the church, please stay in your seats as much as possible. Students will be sitting in the front pews. **We will NOT be allowing you to move around to take pictures. Please take pictures from your seat.** Mrs. Avila will be taking official pictures, and we are happy to share them with you. We also may be filming the performance for our records.
- 4. There should be no food, beverages, gum, or hats (boys and men) worn inside the church.**
- You may clap politely after each class performs, but there should be no yelling or loud, obnoxious cheering or clapping. Please be mindful that we are in the House of God.
- During the performance, please remain in your seats and be mindful and respectful that a performance is going on. People want to hear the performers, singers, and speakers. If you are talking, it takes away from the performance.
- 7. Following the final song students will process out back to their seats. You can**

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pick students up from the church after Mrs. Grey has announced the raffle winners and we end the show. Dismissal should be around 8pm. Teachers will have a check out list, please make sure they are aware you are taking your student.

8. Each student has a role at the very end of the show. Please **DO NOT** pick your student up early. They can be picked up in their in the church once the show has finished.
9. **This is a “required” performance, however, if your child is sick or showing symptoms of Covid-19 or the flu, we ask that they stay home.** Please email Mrs. Jessica Garcia (jgarcia@stanthonygardena.org) and they will be excused from the performance.



There will be no food vendor at the show this year.

Please make sure to have your students eat something before they arrive at 5:30pm. We will be done by 8pm so they may be hungry if they do not eat beforehand.

I have attached a flier about the performance along with a page about costumes for the students. The students will not need to bring or wear their costume until the night of the actual performance. Please have them dressed and ready to go! If you are a 5th grader in the Nativity, you will need to create a traditional Nativity costume. I do have some Nativity costumes in room 5, so please let me know if your student would like to use one. The cast list for the 5th graders will be sent out to the 5th grade families.

For the show, face masks are not required for the students, and **I'd prefer for the students to NOT wear masks while they perform (unless they are recovering from being sick).** If you would like them to wear a mask, please buy a black one for them to wear so they can look uniform with each other.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Candlelight Processional! If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you always!

Mrs. Garcia
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COSTUMES

K-8th Grade (Excludes 5th): You will be wearing Poinsettia (Christmas) red! Boys should dress in nice dress shirt tops (Red) with black dress pants (NO JEANS), and black shoes and socks. Girls can either wear a red formal dress with leggings (socks or tights in tan, white, or black) and black dress shoes. Or they can wear a red blouse with a black skirt, white tights and black dress shoes. Hair should be nicely done. For the girls, make sure it looks nice and formal.

PLEASE NO SANTA HATS OR REINDEER EARS. WE WANT TO LOOK FESTIVE AND FORMAL!

5th Grade: You have a variety of parts in the show! Please see the list below for dressing up!

Note: Everyone should wear their “formal attire” to the Christmas show. This means you can pick between Christmas red, green, gold, silver, and white. Men should dress in nice red or green dress shirt tops, black dress pants (NO JEANS), and black dress shoes and socks. Ladies should dress in a Christmas formal dress with tan or white tights and black dress shoes. Or they can wear a Christmas blouse with a black skirt with tan or white tights and black shoes. Hair should look nice and formal up or down. You will put your Nativity outfits over this. If you are an Angel, you can wear a white dress.

Narrators: You need to look formal! You can pick between Christmas red, green, gold, silver, and white. Men should dress in nice red or green dress shirt tops, black dress pants (NO JEANS), and black dress shoes and socks. Ladies should dress in a Christmas formal dress with tan or white tights and black dress shoes. Or they can wear a Christmas blouse with a black skirt with tan or white tights and black shoes. Hair should look nice and formal up or down.

Mary: Should wear white underneath and a blue cloak that goes down to your ankles. Black shoes. Hair should be worn down and can be curled if you would like.

Joseph: Should wear black or white underneath and a brown cloak that will wrap around you and go down to your ankles. Black shoes.

Angels: White draped sheet or material. For the Ladies, a dress would work with wings and a halo. You can make wings (Make sure they are gold or yellow (NO PINK PLEASE)). You can also have a halo on your head. White shoes.

Shepherds: Should wear black or white underneath and a brown cloak (maybe a sheet look) that will wrap around you and go down to your ankles. Black shoes. If you can find a cane that looks like a shepherd staff, that would help your look!

Wise Men: You should look like a King with nice colors on cloaks that will go down to your ankles. Black shoes. If you have a crown, bring it in to wear! If you have anything that looks like Gold or Perfume or maybe a treasure chest, please bring it in since you are going to be carrying gifts!

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Stage Managers and Sound: Follow what the Narrators will wear. You should look nice and formal and be in Christmas colors.

PHOTOS: Below are some photos of what some costumes could look like. It doesn't need to be exact, but these are ideas. There are a lot more ideas online that you can look through as well. From left to right: Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Wise Men, Angel, Red Dress.

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