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Important Dates

- Tues. Dec. 7- Principals ' Mtg. CC
- Fri. Dec. 10- Nutcracker Perf. Kinder
- Sun. Dec. 12- Cover gym floor-Gym Decoration
- Mon. Dec. 13- Decorate gym for Christmas Play
- Tues. Dec. 14- Third grade Christmas luncheon
- Wed. Dec. 15- Christmas Caroling, 3rd grade
- Thurs. Dec. 16- Christmas Play
- Fri.- End of 2nd 9 week period; Christmas Mass.

Friday Mass

This week's mass is hosted by the HCCS staff/faculty. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Computer needed

We are in dire need of a computer for the office. If you have one at home that your are not using and are interested in donating it, please contact the office. Remember that you donation is tax exempt!

We Need Your Pictures!

The yearbook committee is looking for pictures for this year's yearbook. If you have any you would like to share for inclusion in the yearbook, please bring them by the computer lab, or email them to Carmen Borrego at carmenb@valornet.com



Bingo at the Knights of Colum-
bus

Please support the Knights of Columbus every Monday by playing bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arroyo Seco.

Bingo begins at 7:00 a.m. As you may know, the Knights have been instrumental in helping HCCS with many projects that would have been impossible to accomplish without their financial assistance.



Brian Martinez, fourth grader in Mr. Cisneros class, is shown here holding a copy of a CD that he and his dad Brian Martinez, Jr. recorded. Brian is a talented singer and is responsible for 3 of songs on the CD. He comes

from a long line of talented musicians that include his dad, Brian, uncle Manny, Aunt Claudette and Grandfather Mel Martinez. Brian shared that he enjoyed recording the CD with his dad although he is a bit shy about all the attention.

Winners of the Boxtops, Campbells Soup and
Lowe 's receipts collection

Students in the third grade were the November winners of the Boxtops for Education, Campbells Soup Labels and Lowe 's receipts collection. The students in this class will choose between an ice cream party and a pizza party. Congratulations to the third graders!!!!

December Birthdays

Pre K:

Elias Arrellano- December 28
Benjamin Etuk- December 12
Alexandria Montoya- December 7
Alexis Montoya- December 7
Andres Sanchez- December 5

Kindergarten

Jerome Montoya- December 17
Devin Sisneros- December 11

First Grade

Abran Chacon- December 9
Evelynna Duran - December 8
Adrian Salazar- December 1
Donovan Valerio- December 27
Erin Vigil- December 2

Second Grade

Jacob Griego- December 12

Third Grade

Diego Borrego- December 11
Kaitlyn Maestas- December 19
Emilio Martinez- December 13

Fifth Grade

Daniel Gallegos- December 14
Gabriel Herrera- December 14

Staff

Rebecca Castaneda (cook) December 7
Fr. Blanch- December 18



Thoughtful Moments

Mary's "yes"

When Mary said, "yes," to God, she accepted a significant role in his plan of salvation. To remind your family to always say "yes" to what God asks of us, during Advent place flowers in front of a statue or picture of the mother of god.

A Visible Sign

To remind yourselves that Christmas is coming, wear a visible sign of the season. Make a pin out of felt and a safety pin or string a small ornament on a ribbon as a necklace. Wear it until Christmas.



Basketball Champions □ 2010-2011



The HCCS Trojans Boys A Squad Team fought hard to win the title of basketball champions during the recent Holy Cross Catholic School tournament. The girls A earned the second place title, defeating McCurdy. Special thanks to all the children who played during this season and special thanks to the parents and our coaches for their time and talents. Coaches this year included Brian Martinez, Jonathon Borrego, James Gallegos, Jolene Vigil, Noelle Maestas, Sylvia Montoya (volunteer parent), Dana Lopez (parent volunteer), Julie Martinez, and Bonifacio Vasquez



Feasts and Celebrations

December 8- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne 's womb without original sin. In addition to attending Mass, praying a joyful rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531) The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and asked him to have the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her. As a sign, she had St. Juan Diego carry roses in his tilma (cape) to give to the bishop. When the roses spilled out before the bishop, the tilma retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 26- **The Holy Family (1st century)** . On the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate the family, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph-three people who lived for God. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do we honor St. Nicholas during Advent? A powerful observance of Advent is performance charitable works as demonstrated by St. Nicholas. A fourth-century bishop of Myra, in what is now Turkey, Nicholas was the son of wealthy parents who died while he was a child. Legend has it that he gave freely of his inherited fortune to people in need. Through the centuries, this legendary generosity has been linked to the generous gift-giving embodied by the figure of Santa Claus. St. Nicholas ' feast day I December 6.