



Saint Nicholas Visited SHJS on December 6th

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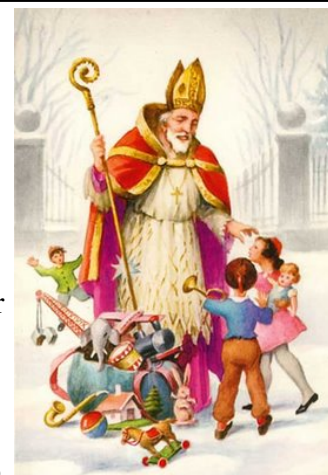
In keeping with tradition, all students placed their shoes in the hallway and Saint Nicholas passed by each classroom ringing his jingle bells and leaving a candy cane for each student. Saint Nicholas also left instructions for a prayer service for each class. It was a wonderful celebration for all.

Saint Nicholas left candy canes for our student because he knows that a candy maker designed the candy cane to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas. Below is the history of the candy cane.

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would remind people of the true meaning of Christmas; so he made the candy cane to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker then shaped his cane into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to the earth as Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down to reclaim the fallen lambs who, like sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.



Reminder:

Thursday, December 8th

3pm Dismissal

No After School Program

Friday, December 9th

No School — Conference Day

December 8th
is the

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Please join us for Mass at 8:30am

Save the Date



Early Childhood Students

First Annual Christmas Pageant

Tuesday, December 20th

6:00pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus School *proudly presents*

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Raffles

Chance Wheel

with great prizes

Food & Beverage

Raffle tickets available
in the school office

\$2.00 per ticket

Thursday, December 15th, 2011

3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Campbell Hall

Christmas performance by the students in Grades 1 to 8
will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Please support this spectacular event