



The Crusader Chronicle



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Virtue for December: Forgiveness



Important Dates & Events

December 21-January 3

Christmas Break

January 4

Kinder Campus Epiphany Party

January 5

Buddy gift exchange Main Campus

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Men's Study Group 8:00pm
Main Campus

January 6

Classroom Spelling Bees

January 8

Mass 2:15pm

January 9

Mom's Night Out
Kobe Restaurant in Plymouth

January 11

Daughters of the King K4J 3:30

January 12

All School Spelling Bee

January 14-16

Semester Exams Grades 3-8

January 14

Boys K4J 3:30-5:00pm

To Teach, To Educate, To Form

And she gave birth to her son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

We have all read or heard the Christmas story of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. I for one have taken the details of His first days on earth as a human, like us, for granted. We all probably picture the miracle of birth taking place in modern times like that of a nice spotlessly clean hospital similar to the one opening up in Maple Grove later this month. Even in ancient times, childbirth in conditions as miserable as a cold cave, smelling like a barn, and no bed or furniture other than dried grass, was not typical. Why would God made man have chosen to come to us this way? Why would this event that defines and centers the tracking of human history between BC and AD for all nations come to us in such humble beginnings? As Steven Covey popularly coined in 7 Habits, "Begin with the End in Mind". This is exactly what God had in store for us. He knew that the ultimate in humility (crucifixion) would end Christ's life on earth to save us from our fallen nature. He knew using His power and might to bring the King of Kings into our lives in glory and splendor would not win over the hearts and souls of people capable of turning way from Him so quickly.



My Christmas wish for all of you is that you can take some time to focus on Christ's humility and His prayer for all of us to be with Him for eternity. Picture yourself humbling your person to see Him closely, back hunched over, or crawling on your knees, to enter the torch-lit cave of His birth. There He is, the infant King of salvation. There He is, lying in a manger filled with straw waiting for us to kneel in adoration. He loves us like no other infant will. He will save us.

Enjoy the peace and beauty that can come with this hectic season if we can focus on that image of humility in Christ.

Merry Christmas and Blessing on your New Year 2010!

Stephen Schmitz, Executive Director

Dads Seeking Substance and Fellowship?

On January 5th, the Men's Study Group will begin a new session: *A Journey through Church History*. All Cedarcrest Dads are welcome. Anyone interested please contact John Jacobson at john_e_jacobson@glic.com.

Epiphany Gift Exchange

It is a tradition at Cedarcrest Academy for "buddies" to exchange gifts at Epiphany.

Gifts should be wrapped and cost under \$5. (After-Christmas sales are great opportunities for this!)

Kinder Campus and their buddies will celebrate on Monday, Jan. 5. Main Campus will celebrate Tuesday, Jan. 6.

This Christmas Pageant will be aired on AM1330 Relevant Radio on December 24th at 1:30 p.m.

