



SAINT CATHERINE ACADEMY

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News of the Month

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## Three Kings Day



For centuries church calendars in the East and the West have agreed that there are twelve days of Christmas and they begin on Christmas Day and end on January 6. The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God." Celebrated on January 6, it is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi): Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. According to an old legend based on a Bible story, these three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child and presented him with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Saint Catherine Academy will observe this feast with a day off of school.

This is a day of reflection and joy, for us all to remember that Jesus was honored by these three kings to mark the beginning of his life of wonder.



## PB&J

Every month on the third Friday our school makes over three hundred peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Thomas Merton Center. Our students, staff and many volunteers set up an assembly line that seamlessly keeps the production of sandwiches moving along. We have stations for spreading the peanut butter, adding the jelly and so on down the line. After this Sister

Cheryl and her class bring the fruits of their labor to the center for the people that depend on the shelter for lunch.

Our students come to appreciate the love and support they get from their families and school staff, and appreciate the opportunity to share that love with those less fortunate. Our students see this activity as their way of giving back to their community. We encourage public service for all of our students. In December, we had some extra help from Mr. Grinch, who showed his soft side on during this special pro-



### Reminder

Attendance at school is very important, and essential to our students' learning. Every day your child is absent from school is a day that learning does not happen for him/her. We take our responsibility to educate your child very seriously. Regular attendance is the first way to help your child learn. Please encourage your child to attend every day that they are able.

When your child is sick and not able to attend, we understand and hope that your child recovers quickly. We also expect that you call us and let us know that they will be absent from school, and the reason why.

Please call by 8:00 am when your child will be absent. The office number is 203-540-5381.

## STAFF NEWS

Tikanya Youngblood has joined the staff as a teaching assistant. She is from Fairfield County, and has always enjoyed working with children. She started working in the special education field over ten years ago. She began her career at CES in Trumbull where she worked for three years as an instructional aide, followed by working for CLASP Group Homes as a residential instructor and as an assistant manager. She is currently working toward her BA degree at Charter Oak State College. Welcome Tikanya!!



## Upcoming Dates

### JANUARY

**Monday January 2**  
*No School - New Year's Day (observed)*

**Tuesday January 3**  
*Return to School - Full Day*

**Friday January 6**  
*No School - Three Kings Day*

**Monday January 16**  
*No School - Martin Luther King Day*

### February

Fri.-Tue February 17- 21  
*No School - Winter Recess*



### WEATHER ALERT

When we have inclement weather and need to delay 2 hours, we will post our status on **weather.com**, **WFSB Ch. 3** and **WTNH Ch. 8** by 5:45 AM.

