



# Merry Christmas

Center Academy

December 2015 Newsletter

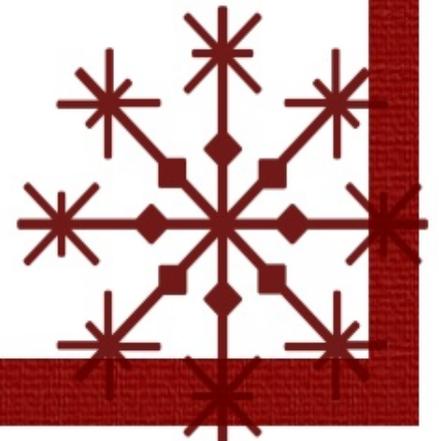
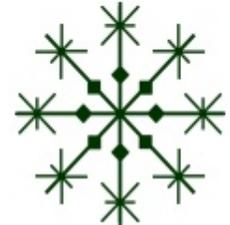
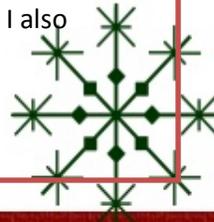
Dave Stone  
Director

A note from the Director:

It's hard to believe that December is here and the New Year is just around the corner. During the holiday season, I like to reflect on the many blessings I have through my family, my work, and the abundance of material blessings I enjoy because of living in this great country. I also like to reflect on the past year and look for ways to improve myself in the next year. I will still do that this December but I must say I am more troubled than in years past because of the state of our country and our world. I know I can only influence my little world and try to do that each day with a realistic view of what is going on around my community and my world, a good attitude each day and a strong faith in my Lord and the knowledge that He is in control of all things. However, the dissention I see in our politics, the lack of respect I see toward our police and other authority figures, and the harsh tones I see on social media cause me concern. Our world is what it is because of the people who inhabit planet earth. I am only one person but I know I can make a difference in my world. My prayer is that I would be more concerned about the needs of others and less about my own needs. My prayer is that I will be more outspoken when I hear others promote disunity and division instead of unity and peace. My prayer is that I will stand for truth and not tolerate lies or subtleties that bring out doubt to my faith or the faith of others. I will still continue to pray for peace on earth and goodwill towards men but I want to be more of a conduit of that peace and a vessel of good will towards others. I know the problems that face our society and our world are on a much larger scale than I could ever expect to impact or correct, but I also know I play a part, though small, in turning this whole thing around. I hope you will join me in this effort. – Mr. Stone

Mark Your Calendar:

- **12/4** Football Tournament @Skyway Park
- **12/11** Winter Carnival
- **12/15** Mrs. Fiore Field Trip
- **12/16** Ms. DelCampo Field Trip
- **12/17** Mr. Schaeffer Field Trip
- **12/18** Mr. Brady Field Trip
- **12/21-1/1** Winter Vacation **NO SCHOOL**
- **1/4/16** Students return to school





## Homecoming

Congratulations to **Julia D** and **Matthew M** on being crowned **Homecoming Queen and King** for 2015. Our court members also deserve some applause for being selected by their classmates. They are; **Rebecka B** and **Daniel U** from Mrs. Fiore's class, **Sarah C** and **Isaac S** from Ms. DelCampo's class, **Ellianna A** and **Austin S** from Mr. Schaeffer's class, **Ariana V** and **Jonathan C** from Mrs. Mantovani's class, **Hadeel H** and **Austin R** from Mr. Brady's class. A great time was had by all at the Homecoming Hangout! I want to thank everyone who pitched in by volunteering time or sending food to make the event successful.

## Winter Carnival

Our Winter Carnival will be on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:30. We will have inflatables, cotton candy, a dunk tank, popcorn, games, and a picnic lunch. Tickets will go on sale Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The ticket prices are: \$1.00 each, 10 for \$8.00, or an unlimited wristband\* for \$10.00. Tickets are needed for the inflatables, cotton candy, dunk tank, cake walk, sumo wrestling, and popcorn.

\*The dunk tank and the cake walk are not included in the unlimited wristband.

## Box Tops

Box tops are a great way to help our school to earn money for school improvements. We have already raised almost \$75 this school year. We collect them throughout the year.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller



## December Birthdays

12/4 Laura D  
12/6 Michael P  
12/13 Austin S  
12/14 Adalee S  
12/17 Kyle C  
12/24 Sarah C & Christopher E  
12/26 Ms. DelCampo  
12/27 Jaden M  
12/28 Sam K  
12/29 Ellianna A & Zade K



**"Don't let the past steal your present. This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone."**

**- Taylor Caldwell**

## Students of the Month October:

Mrs. Fiore: Kyle C  
Ms. DelCampo: Christopher E  
Mr. Schaeffer: Nathan B  
Mrs. Mantovani: Caitlyn M  
Mr. Brady: Patrick A

## Students of the Month November:

Mrs. Fiore: Daniel U  
Ms. DelCampo: Cameryn M  
Mr. Schaeffer: Nicholas M  
Mrs. Mantovani: Alex K  
Mr. Brady: Dalen R

## Football Tournament

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Football tournament. Please join us in wishing our flag football team best of luck! With our cheer team encouraging from the sidelines, we hope to bring the trophy home again this year!!!



“Christmas is the spirit of giving without the thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.”

- Thomas S. Monson

## Rosa Valdez Center

This holiday season as we give thanks for all we have, it is important that we think of those that are less fortunate. We have chosen focus our efforts on the Rosa Valdez Center in Tampa. Their mission is to make a lasting and positive impact in the lives of disadvantaged children and their families in our community by nurturing young bodies, developing young minds, and fostering hope through Christ...One Child at a time.

Their specific needs are:

- Diapers sizes 2,3,and 4
- Baby wipes
- Bibs
- Onesies 6-24 months
- Crib Sheets
- Infant/ toddler books
- Toys 0-6 years (no stuffed animals please)
- Receiving blankets
- Socks- infant and toddler sizes

If you are able to support the center, please bring your donation in to the school by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

