

Dear Parents:

You mean you haven't thought of Christmas yet? I say that in jest, but the reality is that Christmas isn't that far off and we are planning now. The program that I've chosen for the year is "Get to the Manger." It is quite different from things we have done in the past, starting with the setting of a shopping mall. The music rocks pretty good, but I think the kids will enjoy it.

Schedule for Christmas Program

Sunday, October 31:	9:45-10:10
Wednesday, November 3:	6:30-7:10
Sunday, November 7:	9:45-10:10
Wednesday, November 10:	6:30-7:10
Sunday, November 14:	9:45-10:10
Wednesday, November 17:	6:30-7:10
Sunday, November 21:	9:45-10:10
No Practice or F.W. Friends Wednesday, November 24 due to Thanksgiving Holiday.	
Sunday, November 28:	9:45-10:10
Wednesday, December 1:	6:30-7:10
Saturday, December 4:	10:00-12:00
Sunday, December 5:	9:45-10:10
Wednesday, December 8:	6:30-?? (Practice, pizza party and Friends Mart)
Saturday, December 11:	1:00-3:00 (dress rehearsal)
Sunday, December 12	9:45-10:45 (another dress rehearsal)
Sunday, December 12	11:00 Sing During Special Music
Sunday, December 12	6:30-Program for parents and family.

Want to know how you can help?

I am sending home a CD of the music with each family—1 per family. I would ask that you please use it. Have it on in the vehicle or the kids room or a mutual gathering place in the house. The music while appealing is tougher. I want their joy to be in participating in the program and experiencing the joy of Christmas and not to be squelched by someone (me!) harping on them to learn the songs!!

Have your kids here on time on Wednesdays and Sundays so we can get started right away and use our time wisely.

We could use treats for the Saturday practices. Anyone interested, please contact me. Speaking and additional parts will be going out in the next few weeks.

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. A Christmas program is the opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth and the message of hope that His birth brings. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to spend time with your child-it is always such a privilege.

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