

# The Eagle Express Newsletter

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## Loyalty

*Showing my commitment through difficult times.*

**I Will...**

**Care about people.**

**Keep my commitments.**

**Encourage others in the right directions.**

**Help those in need.**

**Serve my community.**

*So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God. (Hosea 12:6)*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...*

- Isaiah 9:6

## What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Pizza

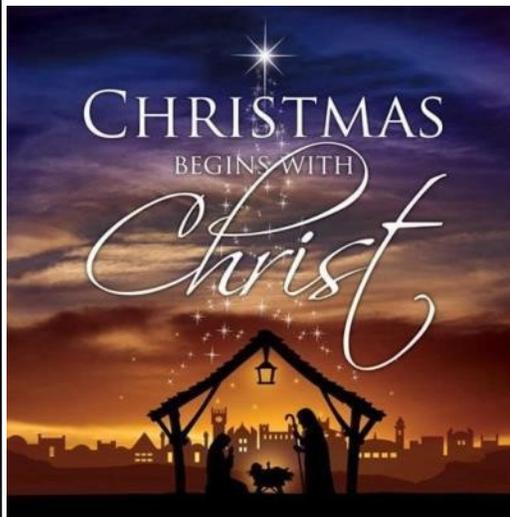
Fri: Noon Dismissal

Mon-  
Wed: Christmas Break



**OCS Eagles**

Isaiah 40:31



## “Merry Christmas!”

I love hearing that from clerks at the stores. Sometimes, I hear them say, “Happy Holidays!” Even though I prefer “Merry Christmas,” I am happy knowing that we are celebrating the birth of our Savior.

I am so touched at the excitement the kindergarten students have in getting ready for their Christmas play. They have complete acceptance of the truth of God’s word.

They simply trust what they hear about the Baby Jesus in the manger. They believe the Biblical account of shepherds, wise men, and angels going to worship the Christ child.

Students are anticipating the celebration of Christ’s birth with family, and can hardly wait! They are in a hurry! Luke 2:16 (NIV) says, "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger." Usually, I am looking for ways to not be in such a hurry in the bustle of the Christmas time. It is so hard to be in all the places it seems I must be! But I think there is a reason here in Luke 2 to be in a hurry: in a hurry to see Jesus.

At our staff meeting last week, Dr. Keene asked each of us to share some of our family Christmas traditions. It was interesting to listen to traditions that many of us shared, some that were new to me. What I noticed was common to all was that in varied ways, Jesus was the centerpiece of the celebration. Here are some of the ways I learned OCS staff “hurry” to see Jesus.

- ◆ Attending the Christmas Eve service at church
- ◆ Reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2 first thing Christmas morning
- ◆ Baking a birthday cake for Jesus
- ◆ Lighting the Advent Candles

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*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31*

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Other traditions included celebrating with family favorite activities such as watching Christmas movies together, making a special meal, playing Christmas music, if presents were opened Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. It was nice to hear the joy that we all felt in sharing our traditions. It made me think how these traditions all came because of a Child's birth.

So, if I have to be in a hurry, I am hoping that I will be in a hurry to see Jesus in the Christmas season. I'm going to keep my traditions of Celebrating Him. After all...it is His birthday. How will your traditions help you hurry to the manger?

Mrs. Hammonds

## CHRISTMAS - EVENTS

**December 15th @ 7:00 p.m. @ The State Theatre.** (Ticket's for are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door. You can purchase advance tickets from FRRPD.)

**Peggy's Dancers Christmas Recital**  
**"SANTA'S WORKSHOP"**

**December 16th @ 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. @ OCS in the Sanctuary.** (Free.)

**OCS Christmas Program**  
**"Star of Wonder"**

*A Prayer to help us stay connected...*

God, thank You that Your will and Your plan is always perfect. It might not be easy or always feel good, but I know You see the big picture and know what's best for me. You are always good. You are always faithful. You always have steadfast love for your children. These are truths that will never be untrue- so help me live in light of those truths today. Help me have peace as I meditate on what it means that You are always good, faithful and full of steadfast love for me. Help me face today with confidence knowing that Your plan is greater than all of my dreams. Lord, I love You, thank You for the life I have in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

# SPORTS

## Boys Basketball



Grades 5-8. Season runs Nov. 14 to Jan. 12.  
 Practices: Mon & Thurs 3:30-4:30, Wed 1:30-2:00 (shooting). Games are on Tuesdays. There are no Games or Practices the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks.

### Game Schedule:

1/3 @ 4p                      Central Orange v OCS @ Manzanita  
 1/10 @4p                      OCS v Concow @ Palermo

**NO AFTERNOON  
 EDSS THIS  
 FRIDAY! (Dec. 16)**

## PTPF Prayer Meeting

*Join us as we pray for our OCS Families.*  
 Friday, January 6, 2017  
 7:45 a.m. in the Library

## School Calendar of Events

12/16	Christmas Program (10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
12/16	NOON DISMISSAL - NO P.M. EDSS
Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> - Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break <i>See you on Tuesday, January 3rd!</i>
1/6/17	PTPF Prayer Meeting (7:45 a.m., Library)

**Next PTPF Meeting:**  
 Mon., Jan. 9  
 @ 5:00 p.m., Room 11

**Next School Board Meeting:**  
 Thurs., Dec. 15  
 @ 6:00 pm, Library