



Archbishop Howard School

Monday Message

November 24, 2008

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THIS WEEK, & NEXT!

MONDAY, 11/24

8:00 a.m.
Monday Morning Assembly

TUESDAY, 11/25

Grade 2
Town Center Fieldtrip
St. Francis Lunches Delivered
Grade 6 Helpers

6:30 p.m.
Parents Club Meeting

WEDNESDAY, 11/26

11:15 a.m.
Prayer Service

Report Cards Sent Home
NOON DISMISSAL—FREE DRESS

THURSDAY, 11/27

NO SCHOOL—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY, 11/28

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, 12/1

8:00 a.m.
Monday Morning Assembly

TUESDAY, 12/2

8:45 a.m.
Grade 5 Class Mass

WEDNESDAY, 12/3

Grade 5 Fieldtrip to OMSI

THURSDAY, 12/4

Noon-6:00 p.m.
Wreath/Poinsettia Pick-Up

FRIDAY, 12/5

First Friday Mass and
Benediction/Adoration
NO HOT LUNCH TODAY
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Father/Daughter Dance

SATURDAY, 12/6

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Christmas Tree Sale

SUNDAY, 12/7

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Christmas Tree Sale

MONDAY, 12/8

8:00 a.m.
Monday Morning Assembly

8:30 a.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
All School/Parish Mass



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week I sent home a letter to our AHS families about a freeze in tuition for the 2009-2010 school year. Father Peter, the School Advisory Council and I understand the uncertainty of the economy and its affect on our families. The Finance Committee is working hard to help us find places to "tighten the belt" and close the gap in income caused by lower enrollment this year. Looking ahead, we need to prepare a budget for next year that reflects the true reality of enrollment and income so we can better budget for expenses. We need your help and commitment.

Registration for next year will be moved up about six weeks. Instead of an "intent to return" in January, we are asking that families commit to returning next year by completing registration forms and paying a \$100 deposit by January 16th. This will enable us to see where we have openings so we can take advantage of the Open House in January to recruit new students.

I invite you to attend a Parents Club meeting tomorrow night, November 25th at 6:30p.m. to ask questions about the budgeting process, registration for next year, and the financial state of the school. School Advisory Council chair Steve Malany, Finance Committee chair Hope Brown, and I will be available to answer questions.

Please plan to attend this very important meeting. If you have questions or concerns and are not able to attend this meeting, please email me at principal@archbishopohward.org or call me at 503-281-1912, extension 111.

- Mrs. Karen Asbury

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who helped make the fall Senior Brunch a great success! Many thanks to 2nd grade for the beautiful centerpieces, to 5th and K1 who supplied the placemats, and to the 8th grade servers. The seniors were entertained by PreK, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th grades.

Tracy McDougall
Nora Balz
Mary Randazzo
Catherine Green
Jessica Martin
Annabelle Domenighini
Catherine Tang
Nancy Rose
Pam Delaporte
Amy Henry
Stephanie Lynch
Pamela Fleischmann
Tran Nga

A special thank you to Jean Czuba and Laura Pouch for planning and preparing the brunch!

Wreath & Poinsettias Pick-Up

Don't forget! Wreath & Poinsettia orders will be available for pick up in the gym on **Thursday, December 4**, from noon – 6:00 p.m. Plan to come pick up your order! Volunteers are needed to help anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Extra Products for Sale

- 8 qty: 22" wreaths
- 3 qty: 26" deluxe wreaths
- 2 qty: 25' garland
- 4 qty: dwarf spruce trees
- 4 qty: centerpieces



Contact Barbara Adkisson at 503-284-6896 to purchase.

AHS Tree Sale Needs Several More Volunteers.

Contact ckharman3@comcast.net asap and let them know how you can help.





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Parents Club News

The next Parents Club meeting will be this **Tuesday** in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Erica Blair and Gretchen Reed will give a PowerPoint presentation on our CHAMPS program; also there will be updates from our fundraisers and a Q&A with the Student Advisory Council (SAC). This is our last meeting before the new year, so mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We are asking that all first and fifth grade families bring a pre-packaged snack or a bottle of wine to share with everyone at the meeting.

Basketball season is coming - purchase a AHS water bottle (\$8) so that your players can quench their thirst and be the envy of every team. We also have coffee mugs available for \$5.

Parents Club wishes you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

PARENT POWER

One road to parenting success....**TEACH RESPECT**

Model respect. Let your child see you hold the door for the next person. Try not to complain about the cashier if your line at the grocery store is moving slowly.

Show respect for your child by talking nicely about them to others. When your spouse comes home, share your youngster's good grade on his spelling test rather than talking about how he didn't pick up his toys that day. Your child will learn that respect feels nice, and you will also improve his self-esteem.

If your child is disrespectful, offer other ways of speaking or acting. Say she frequently interrupts while you're on the phone. You might teach her a signal that shows she wants to talk to you (such as raising her hand). Respect her efforts by finding a break in your conversation and listening to what she has to say.

Disrespect for other children can lead to bullying. If your child is talking to you about a classmate and calls him a name, ask why he did that. He may have heard others say similar things about the child. You can do your share to prevent bullying by helping your child see good things in a less-popular classmate (has a sense of humor, studies hard).

Youth Choir Annual Performance at the Grotto!



The St. Rose of Lima Youth Choir will be performing in concert at The Grotto's *Christmas Festival of Lights* on December 20 at 6:00 p.m. The Festival will be open nightly November 28 – December 30.

The Grotto is located on NE 85th and Sandy Boulevard . For more information visit www.thegrotto.org.

**Volunteers are needed throughout the day on Friday, December 5, to help with quiet adoration in the chapel .
Volunteers should call the office.**

To Do:

SHARE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

WREATHS & POINSETTIAS

DECEMBER 4

CONTACT:

BARB ADKISSON

503-284-6896

OR

RUDY SCHUVER

503-335-3232

ADORATION IN CHAPEL

DECEMBER 5

CONTACT:

MAIN OFFICE

503-281-1912

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

DECEMBER 5

CONTACT:

CAROLE VECCHI

503-528-2614

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

DECEMBER 5-7

CONTACT:

CHUCK HARMAN

503-287-0159

OR

JIM MARTIN

503-256-2650

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 16, 17 & 18

CONTACT:

LISA CAVANAGH

503-287-5893

OR

KARI MACKAY

503-493-4276

ONGOING OPPORTUNITY

AUCTION

CONTACT:

GINA YAZZOLINO

503-284-0091

OR

CAROLE VECCHI

503-528-2614



Father/Daughter Dance Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to assist at the Father/Daughter Dance. Share hours apply. For more information please contact Carole Vecchi at 503-528-2614 or Nora Balsz at 503-284-6442.

Please see the attached flier for details about this can't miss annual event!

Dance Day with the Gendrills

Grant High School presents "Dance Day with the Gendrills." Grant High School's dance team, the Gendrills, will be hosting the annual event on **Saturday December 13**, for students in grades K-8.

See the flyer hanging outside the school office for more information.

Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop is a craft fair here at AHS where students have the opportunity to Christmas shop for family and friends. Santa will offer a wide variety of gifts priced from \$1 to \$5.

Volunteers are needed on the following dates:

Dec. 16 (a.m. only):

Help organize Santa's goodies and decorate.

Dec. 17 & 18 (a.m. and p.m.):

Wrap gifts, restock tables, take money, or help the wee-ones shop.

Donated gift items are greatly appreciated. (Note: Santa's Workshop does not reimburse or offer fundraising credit for donated items).

For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Cavanagh at 503-287-5893 or Kari Mackay at 503-493-4276.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For those of you who have been at Archbishop Howard School now for some years, you probably know a bit about my style. I am not a big proponent of screen time for kids, nor am I into kids having tv's or computers in their rooms. I do not support corporal punishment, aka spanking, and believe kids should have all the facts in order to make good decisions.

So at times I might sound a bit preachy in these newsletter articles. My purpose for writing articles is to give you information about a particular subject, and then invite you to think about what will work for your family.

I know that we have a diverse mix of families at this school, both socioeconomically, as well as politically. What works for one family will not necessarily work for all of us. But our biases are bound to come out. So if I ever espouse a particular opinion which you don't embrace, I hope you still feel like there is room for dialogue and disagreement.

I think we can all agree that currently in our society there is a lot of financial hardship. We may not be personally experiencing it, but even if we just listen to the news, we cannot deny its impact. I would guess that there is growing stress among us about the coming holidays, financial expectations for entertaining and gift giving, as well as the normal stress that comes when we see old friends or family members.

I would also say with some certainty that children are like sponges and can pick up on that stress. They may be hearing more fights or they may be worried about major changes if a marriage is breaking up or a parent does not have a job. I would like to recommend you keep your child in the loop and talk with them on the appropriate developmental level. Remember that when we do not talk with our children about the stresses our families are experiencing, their imaginations make the problem way worse.

If you need some extra support, let someone know. The greatest gift we can give each other is our presence, so don't keep it all in. As I tell the young ones in my groups, "If you don't let the feelings come out of your body, they make you have a tummy ache so you need to get them out by telling someone."

So as Thanksgiving approaches, I hope the time to be with loved ones can be nourishing and we can really appreciate what we have. Please let me know if your child needs extra support during this time and I will do what I can to get a visit in with her or him.

Alicia Richards, School Counselor



Teacher Gift Ideas

Sometimes families purchase small gifts for their child's teacher in celebration of Christmas. The AHS Gift Catalog (the yellow binder on the shelf in the front office) is filled with items on the wish list of our teachers. The list is reprinted on page 9 of this newsletter.

Please consider supporting AHS and your child's favorite teacher with a gift that will be used daily and stay in the classroom for years to come. It's easy! Choose the item, write the check (made out to AHS) and we will take care of the rest. We will order the item and notify the teacher of your gift.

Please call Sue Beede in the Development Office at 503-281-1912 x136 or email development@archbishophoward.org with any questions.



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SCRIP TIPS

Thursday is Thanksgiving! Have you bought everything? We have plenty of Fred Meyer, New Seasons, Wild Oats (now Whole Foods, limited quantity) and Safeway Scrip for those last minute Thanksgiving items! Drop by the Scrip counter and see what we have for the rest of the Thanksgiving holiday - we have Hollywood Video and Regal if you want to relax and see a movie; Olive Garden, McMenamins and Applebee's if you want to have something other than turkey on the weekend, or Gap/Old Navy (Banana Republic too) Macys or American Eagle if you want to hit the sales. Scrip has it all, not to mention service with a smile from the Scrip Gals:)

- ✓ THIS JUST IN: When using Arco gas cards, make sure you hand them the cards **before** you get gas! They will not accept them if you give it to them afterwards.
- ✓ Some gift cards have expirations; if you find out that one of your gift cards has expired, please let Scrip know ASAP.
- ✓ We will not be ordering this week but will start again on December 2 with our last order day before Christmas on December 9th - **Please get your order in as soon as you can!**
- ✓ Did you know you can order Scrip and donate it to the auction? Double credit! The Auction Ladies have marked items that they would like, so if you were thinking of donating to the auction but can't decide what to do **BUY SCRIP!** The auction deadline is December 19 (to receive the full fundraising credit of up to \$200 for your donation), however, if you would like to special order **REMEMBER** Scrip's deadline is December 9.
- ✓ Once again, the last day to special order Scrip and receive it in time for Christmas is December 9!!!!
- ✓ We will not be selling at Mass this Sunday, but will start again December 7. We hope to do this regularly even after Christmas so spread the word!

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call either the Scrip hotline (503-218-1912 ext 145) or Laura Altenhofen (503-780-3537)

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
The Scrip Gals

Leonardo DeFilippis Play & Dinner

St. Charles Church is hosting a performance of the Gospel of John. Proceeds benefit the Precious Children of Portland—Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, December 13
6:00 p.m.
Four Course Dinner
7:30 p.m.
Performance
After play
Dessert and Coffee

Suggested Donation:
\$35.00 Adults, \$15.00 under age 16
(10 and under free)

For more information contact Steve Purves at 503-639-4840.

Mac 'n Cheese and Tuna, PLEASE!



It's Mac N Cheese and Tuna time again. Please support St. Vincent de Paul by bringing in your pasta and tuna products! Bins are set up in the main hall. Let's fill them twice!!

St. Francis Lunches

Tuesday (tomorrow) is our St. Francis lunch delivery. Don't forget to pack an extra lunch for the people at St. Francis!

Let Our Love Shine a Light . . . An AHS Christmas!

The Archbishop Howard Christmas program will be held on **Thursday, December 11**, beginning with the MUSE Band at 6:00 p.m., followed by the schoolchildren at 6:30 p.m.

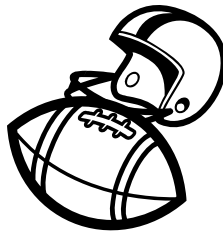
We would like all students to wear "Christmas best"; dresses, buttoned down collared shirts, dress pants (uniform pants are acceptable), etc. No t-shirts, jeans, sweats or ultra mini skirts.



ARCHBISHOP HOWARD CYO FALL SPORTS ROUND-UP

FOOTBALL

Players from Archbishop Howard, All Saints and local community public schools play as "The Bishops" in CYO Region 2.



7-8th grade boys:

5-2 season record; these warriors made it to the Gridiron Bowl Playoff Bracket, but lost their first round game. What an exciting team to watch! Thanks to AHS dad Mark Hardie for his work as one of the assistant coaches for this team.

5th - 6th grade boys:

3-5 season record; these guys finished strong as they made it all the way to the championship game of the Spirit Bowl Playoff Bracket, but lost a tough battle. Look out for next year! Thanks to AHS dad Josh Haley for his work as one of the assistant coaches for this team.

3rd - 4th grade boys (Black):

5-1 season record; won the post-season Jamboree Championship for the second year in a row! We may have a dynasty on our hands! Thanks to AHS dads Art Hendricks (head coach), Geoff Latham (assistant coach) and Joe Manning (assistant coach) for leading these young men to gridiron glory once again.

3rd - 4th grade boys (White):

4-1 season record; won the first 3 games of the Jamboree Championship playoffs before losing a tough battle in round 4. These guys can't wait for next year!

VOLLEYBALL

8th grade girls:

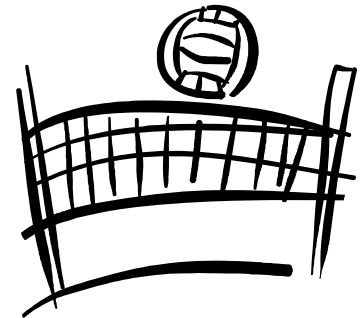
This was their 4th year competing. These girls started slowly but came on strong as they won their last 2 games of the season and then continued their success in the post-season tournament (Rally Bracket). They won 3 straight games in the tournament before losing a very close match in the championship. Good luck, girls -- you will be missed! Thanks to Amanda Stelter for coaching the team.

6th grade girls:

This first-year team had an amazing 7-1 season record. They kept up their winning ways by taking 3rd place in the post-season tournament (Ace Bracket). Thanks to AHS parents Mark Vogel (head coach) and Tin Luu, Tin Bui and Victoria Osborn (assistant coaches) for guiding the team through a great first year.

4th-5th grade girls:

Another first-year team that featured some girls from the 4th grade class as well. Despite their youth, they had an awesome 6-2 season record and finished in 8th place in the post-season tournament (Rally Bracket). Thanks to AHS PE Teacher Becky Stubbs for coaching the team to great success this year.



GO HAWKS!



6th Annual Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, December 5, 2008
7:00-9:00 pm
Archbishop Howard School

Enjoy a special night with your daughter!
She'll be the belle-of-the-ball with an evening of
dancing, friends, and fun!
Beverages and treats will be provided.
There will also be a professional DJ to keep you entertained!
Cost: \$35.00 for dad and daughter(s).

Any questions, contact:
Carole Vecchi 503-528-2614 or
Nora Balsz 503-284-6442

Return completed form and check to the AHS office.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of guests: _____ Total Enclosed: _____




2008 Archbishop Howard Christmas Tree Sale

TREES ON SALE – DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2008

AT AHS/ST. ROSE PARKING LOT

VOLUNTEER/SHARE HOURS:

December 5 (Fri): Volunteers needed to pick up trees and deliver to parking lot behind AHS – great fun!

December 6 (Sat): Volunteers needed to help set up in morning and sell trees during the day.

December 7 (Sun): Volunteers needed to help sell trees during the morning and help clean up in afternoon.

SCHEDULE for VOLUNTEERS:

Check Here

	December 5 – 8:00 am to 2:00 pm - Tree pick-up volunteers meet after drop off at AHS. Drive out to pick up trees from tree farm, have lunch and then return to AHS to off load trees. Start setting up tree lot.
	December 6 –
	7:30 am to 11:00 am – Untie trees, sell and load trees onto cars.
	10:00 am to 2:00 pm - Sell and load trees onto cars.
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Sell and load trees onto cars. Fire pit and football!
	December 7 –
	8:30 am to 11:00 am – Sell and load trees onto cars.
	10:00 am to 2:00 pm - Sell and load trees onto cars. Break down and clean-up.
	I have a truck and/or trailer that can be used to haul trees on Dec. 5

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE DROP OFF THIS SIGN-UP SHEET IN FRONT OFFICE

Contacts: Chuck Harman (503) 287-0159 ; ckharman3@comcast.net or Jim Martin (503) 341-2294;
jmartin@quantumresource.com



Santa's Workshop December 17th and 18th

Santa's Workshop is under construction and we need your help!

We are asking each family to make a donation for the gift wrapping part of the event. Any donation, big or small, would be appreciated. Items can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the office.

Pre-K, K-1, K-2 and 1st Grades: Wrapping paper, gift bags, and ribbon.

2nd and 3rd Grade: Box of candy canes and self-adhesive gift tags.

4th, 5th and 6th Grade: Box of candy canes and grocery bags.

7th and 8th Grade: Wrapping paper, gift bags, and gift tags.

Are you a crafter in need of an empty closet? Are you overwhelmed by bags of Beanie Babies? Donated craft items or goods are always welcome! Please drop them off in the office by Tuesday, December 16. *Gifts and gift ideas for dads, uncles, and grandpas especially needed!*

Questions or suggestions? Call Lisa Cavanagh at 287-5893 or Kari Mackay at 493-4276.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please complete and return to office.

Name _____ Tel. # _____

I would like to help with setting up on Tues. Dec. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

I would like to help on Wed. Dec. 17 or Thurs. Dec. 18, morning or afternoon (any hours between 8:30 and 3:00).



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AHS Gift Catalog -Teacher Wish List 2008-09 - updated 11/20/08

Pre-Kindergarten - Miss Reed

- Mystery Feeling Box (\$66.50)
- 4-5 Two-Way Microscopes (\$9.99 each)
- Learning Center Encyclopedia(\$29.95)
- Monthly Activity Encyclopedia (\$29.95)
- Circle Time and Group Activities (\$29.95)
- Rhythm Instrument Set (\$35)
- Positive Reinforcement Stamps (\$10.99)
- Senses Book Series (\$28.95)
- Colors Book Series (\$30.95)
- Feelings Series (\$14.95)
- Assorted Buttons (\$5.99)

K-1 - Mrs. Hollingsworth

- Field Trip Transportation Fund
- Classroom Library Bookshelf (\$229.99)
- Early Biography Read-along Tapes (\$79.95)
- Roll the Dice Game (19.95) or Deluxe Set (\$29.95)
- Logic Links Sequencing Practice Game (\$12.95)
- 3-D Tanagrams Game (\$19.95)

K-2 - Mrs. Colley

- Mystery Feeling Box (\$16.97-\$29)
- Magnificent Magnets (\$39.99)
- Emergent Readers (\$23-\$35 set)
- Math Emergent Readers (\$23-\$35 set)
- Paint Drying Rack (\$94.95)
- See-thru Birdhouse (\$14.95)
- See-thru Birdfeeder (\$14.95)

1st Grade - Mrs. Swanton

- Pattern Blocks Puzzle(\$24.95)
- Puzzle-Pets Wood Puzzles (\$12.95)
- Qwirkle Game (\$24.95)
- Die-set for Calendar Set (\$495)
- Die-set for Puzzle Set (\$280)
- Die-set for Pattern Block Set (\$220-\$305)
- Die-set for Boy & Girl (\$80)
- Seasonal Writing Words Book (\$3.50)
- Learning Palace Gift Certificates
- Stickers-thumbprint size (\$5)
- Readers Theater 2 sets (\$9.95 set)
- Batik Game, MindWare (\$24.95)
- Time Timer Clock (\$29.95)
- PLEASE NOTE: the Die-sets would benefit and be used by many classrooms

2nd Grade - Mrs. Dibler

- Addition and Subtraction Flash Cards
- Tri-Met Bus tickets
- You Are Special Video (\$14.99)
- Who is the Spirit Video (\$19.99)
- Pilgrims of Plymouth Video (\$39.95)
- Yankee Doodle Cricket Video (\$9.95)
- Christopher Columbus Video (\$39.95)

3rd Grade - Mrs. Johnson

- Field Trip Transportation Fund
- Stations of the Cross for Children Video \$14.99
- Sunday Morning Video \$19.99
- The Proud Tree Video \$19.99
- Close Encounters with the Sacraments, \$29.99
- Mass for Children Video \$39.99

4th Grade - Mrs. Blair

- Lots of yarn, Lion Brand Wool Ease Thick & Quick only many skeins, many colors \$6.00 each (Joann Fabric has them)
- Luxite Crochet Hooks (bulky) 30 (\$4 each)
- Lewis and Clark for Kids: Their Journey of Discover with 21 Activities by Janis Harbert (\$17)

5th Grade - Mrs. Groven

- Science videos about invertebrates
- Science videos on biomes of the world
- Rainy day recess games

6th Grade - Mr. Talkington

- Nylon twine for making rosaries, many colors to choose from, /\$10-\$12 a tube

7th Grade - Mrs. Penwell

- Time Magazine for Kids (\$3.75 X30)
- Young Adult Books for the classroom library:
 - New Moon by Stephanie Meyer
 - Eclipse by Stephanie Meyer
 - Breaking Dawn by Stephanie Meyer
 - The Host by Stephanie Meyer
 - The Penderwicks
 - The Sisters Grimm Series
 - Harry Potter Series
 - Lord of the Rings Series
 - Twilight Series
 - The Frog Princess Series
 - Little Women
 - Arabian Nights
- The Host Science Shack Science Video (\$40)
- Hands on Science Booklets (\$10.95)
- 50 Reproducible Strategy Sheets (\$17)

8th Grade - Mrs. Fisher

Physical Education - Ms. Stubbs

- Sport Pack (Speed stacks) 30 (\$371.00)

Library Media Center - Mrs. Vandiver

- Encyclopedia of Presidents - Second Series (\$1178.10)

Extended Care

- Board Games (\$10-\$15)
- Toys R Us, Michael's or Fred Meyer Gift Certificates
- Metal Drying Rack
- Play Money Kit (\$21.99)

Development Office

- Coat tree or rack (new or used)

- SPECIAL NOTES -

For the more expensive items please consider paying for part of the item along with other families. Please add on 10% to your donation to pay for shipping. Please make donation checks payable to: Archbishop Howard School, AHS Tax ID #93-0920999.

ATTENTION ALL AHS STUDENTS!

The "let our love shine the LIGHT!"
AHS Christmas program is Dec. 11th
AND

We are having a Christmas program,
program cover art contest!

Inspired by Christmas and the songs
you've been practicing,
create an original work of art in the
outlined space on this page.

Return it to your teacher or the office
after Thanksgiving and you will be
entered into our

"Let our love shine the Light!"
program cover art contest

The winning work of art will be
reproduced on the cover of every
Christmas program handed out at the
Program on the 11th!

Art due date is Monday, December 1st.

Please make your creation
in the box below, either direction

Your Name:

Grade: