

The Milford Catholic News



Christmas Happenings!

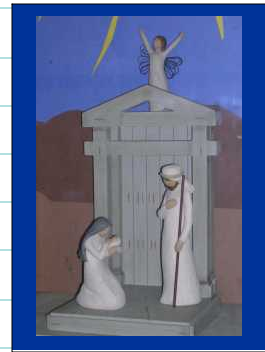
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Milford Catholic celebrates Christmas in many ways. We await the birth of Jesus during advent with different events. Each Monday the children and faculty gather in the main hall to pray and place ornaments on our Jesse Tree. The ornaments are symbols of Jesus' lineage and the many events leading to the birth of Christ.

Of course, no Milford Catholic Christmas could be celebrated without a visit from Saint Nicholas! This year, on December 4th, the children will learn about this generous saint whose feast day is celebrated December 6th. They may even get a surprise visit and find candy canes in their shoes.



Mary and Joseph rejoice with the Angels

In mid-December the entire school performs at the annual Christmas concert and Living Nativity. This year family and friends, from near and far, will come to Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. to hear the beautiful voices of our students. The evening will end with our sixth grade class performing the First Nativity. This event is a beautiful way to celebrate the season.



The Jesse Tree

Sunday, December 6th is "chock-full" of events. Santa will be available in the Bell Tower Room to share cookies with the children from 2:00 until 4:00. There will be all sorts of merriment as the guests enjoy games, entertainment, and a visit from Santa before he heads outside to the Town of Milford Annual Parade.

Milford Catholic will also participate in the parade this year with a float and our wonderful choir. For the first time, Milford Catholic will join the Milford Rotarians in honoring loved ones at the Memorial Tree Lighting at Draper Park (2:00 p.m.).

Everyone at Milford Catholic wishes your and your family a special and peace-filled Christmas. Joy to the World!

running for education

By Erin Mahoney

The weather on October 18th was inclement for running to say the least. However, NOTHING was going to prevent Tina Bennett and me from completing the Baystate Marathon. In spite of the blistering wind and freezing rain both Tina and I were able to finish our races. Tina ran the

furthest distance of her life at 13.1 miles (the 1/2 marathon) in 2:34:20. Congratulations Tina!! I ran the full marathon, 26.2 miles in 4:24:22. On race morning Tina and I woke up nervous and excited. It was time to "get it done". We had made our commitment to the school and to so

many generous parents, MCES faculty members, friends and family. The months and months of training all led up to this day, this race, this moment. No turning back now. It was time to RUN and run we did!! It was fantastic!! Tina recalls the high she felt coming around the last turn and entering the stadium towards the finish line knowing that she had made it!!

Thank you for being part of "Running for Education". Together we have made a difference at Milford Catholic!



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Science Enrichment

By Jean Ellen Shea

Children are born with a natural curiosity. They love to explore and make sense of their physical environment. Children continually ask, "Why?"

Introducing children to science at an early age allows them to acquire the skills they'll need to make sense of their world. My goal is to familiarize students with some basic science skills such as measuring, observing, classifying, and making predictions.

Beginning this year, students in PreK 4, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will all get to experience science in an exploratory environment. In addition to the regular classroom coursework, I am introducing science concepts in a hands-on way.

Some of the topics we have already covered include our senses, properties of water and air, animal adaptations, and metric measurements in science.

As a child, science was one of my favorite areas of study. It's my wish that all my students will develop an appreciation for science and some basic skills and knowledge that will carry through to future explorations!

Editor's note:

Everyone is enjoying the new program! Thank you, Miss Shea.

Miss Shea recently earned two additional certifications from the Massachusetts Board of Education. She is now certified in General Science in grades 1 through 8.



Miss Shea helps students understand the chemistry of photography