SMACS Supports the Annual Armenian Fund Telathon

Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School would like to thank all the families who helped support the annual Armenian Fund Telethon, which was held on Thanksgiving day. The school raised over $6600 for the Telethon.
In Bible class, the 5th graders were asked the following question: **What does Christmas mean to you?**

Christmas is a very special day. Christmas is the day that Christ was born. Without this day, we couldn’t have been saved. Our king was born in a humble barn and compare that to where we were born. We were born in a nice cozy hospital. Still for Jesus, people came praising him. Angels came down singing with joy. The three wise men came with gifts. Shepherds came wanting to know what happened.

By Sophia

Christmas to me means Christ’s birthday. It’s his birthday, but we get the presents. I would not like it if someone else got presents on my birthday, and I didn’t. Since he is generous he lets us accept his presents.

By Alex

Without Christ, Christmas will not be blessed with God’s son. Christmas for me means that God sent his son to earth as a present. He gave his one and only son to us, a sacrifice, for our sins. Jesus was the only one who is our savior, who saved us from all our problems. That’s what Christmas is all about.

By Angie

Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus’ birth. Christmas is one of the most celebrated holidays of the year, because we are celebrating Jesus’ birthday. We don’t know exactly when is Jesus’ birthday, so we celebrate it on Christmas, because we’re giving gifts to our family just like how the wise men did to Jesus.

By Shantel

Christmas means happiness for me, because Jesus is born. Christmas is not just decorating the Christmas tree, or getting presents from Santa. It is about getting together with the family and talking about Jesus. We should cherish Christmas in a happy way. Remember, Jesus is always in your heart wherever you are. That is what Christmas means to me. I think it’s the most wonderful time of the year.

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By Sarine N.

Christmas means happiness and joy for me, because it is the greatest part of the year. It is the most special birthday, because Christ was born on that day. At Christmas time, we should be thankful for having Christ in our lives. If we didn’t have Christ in our lives, nobody would be alive. Everybody should celebrate Christmas, because Christ is everything you need.

By Emma

To me, Christmas means a time of laughter and joy, but not because of presents, but because of Christ’s birthday. He is my one and only, omnipotent, loving, caring, kind, generous, and amazing Savior. I, Kristina Agojian celebrate Christmas, because of my Savior’s birth.

By Kristina

Christmas means Christ to me. Every year I wake up on Christmas Day, I rush to my
Christmas tree. I sit down and I pray to God. I thank Him for what He has done for me. Christmas means everything to me. I am thankful that I am on earth now.

By Sevag

Christmas means joy to me. Christmas was the day Christ was born. Christmas is a very important holiday. Christmas also means happiness. Everyone should be happy and joyful. Every Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. He is the best.

By Sarine V.

Christmas is the day that Christ was born. He is the king of the universe. Everybody loves Him. Christmas is not just about presents and Santa, it is about the time when Christ was born. The story is, that there were two people named Joseph and Mary. They met each other and they were friends. One day an angel told Mary that she was going to have a baby. Mary was terrified and surprised. She said she wasn’t even married. The angel said that she will get married. Then, the angel went to Joseph, and Joseph didn’t believe it. Then Mary told him, and later Joseph believed it. They went to Bethlehem to look for a hotel. All of the hotels didn’t have space. Then they found a manger. Christ was born there.

By Sevana

Christmas to me, means that Jesus is born. I love Christmas, because it has my name in it! This month means so much to me. Christmas is my favorite holiday. It us not just for the presents, or Santa, it is about Jesus being born. He is the best thing that happened on this earth. He has made everyone for a special reason. I get together with my family for Jesus’ birth. This is what Christmas means to me.

By Christopher

For many people Christmas is represented by Santa, gifts, and presents. December 25th is a holiday to most. But they forget the ultimate gift and sacrifice that was given to everyone. The homeless, the blind, and even the dead, they have forgotten ‘The Gift’. The gift that was inside of the virgin Mary, and the gift is Jesus, the son of God. Born in Bethlehem, he came from the family line of Abraham, all his wisdom is unimaginable. From the little tadpole that lives in the ponds and the leopards, and lions of Africa, all have respect for him. But it is not only at Christmas time that we shall give glory and honor to Jesus. Everyday we must worship Him, and He reminds us of His wonderful miracles everyday and every second of our lives.

By Astghik

To me, Christmas means Jesus’ birthday. On that day, we spend time praying and worshiping God and getting presents. We spend a lot of time with our family and having a great time. On that day Mary had her baby and the three wise men saw the star and followed it to see baby Jesus. They bought gifts and were very excited. On that day we eat a birthday cake for Jesus and sing for him.

By Silva

My birthday is on December 6. Christmas is Jesus’ birthday. Jesus should also receive gifts on this special day. Christmas is a day to celebrate Jesus’ birthday. Christmas is my favorite holiday because we celebrate with my family. Not only do I like receiving gifts on Christmas, I also like to spend time with my family.

By Liana

Christmas means that the Son of God came to save us from our sins. He gave us a gift which was washing away our sins. We give gifts to people because he gave us a gift, the best gift of all. It is called “Life”. Christmas is the time of giving.

By Alec

Christmas is not about Santa and presents. Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day. Jesus Christ was born in a manger in Bethlehem. On
Christmas day we put up a Christmas tree to remind us about the star the Wise men had followed.

By Vicky

Christmas is my favorite time of year. That was the day Jesus was born. He stepped on this land and made things right. He was born in a stable and not in a clean hospital. Only four people came, the three wise men and the shepherd. That is what Christmas means to me.

By Shant

Christmas means a time in December that people get presents. Well, many people think that, but I think differently. I think Christmas is a time that we rejoice in God and celebrate His birthday. We give gifts and all that good stuff just to cover up the true meaning of Christmas. I don’t care if people say I am wrong, because God believes in me and I know whatever God believes, I believe too.

By Hagop

Christmas to me means it’s all about family and giving to others. It’s when we get together and have fun. It’s not about the gifts or the toys or playing. It’s all about love. Everyone getting together having Christmas dinner. I love Christmas and my family.

By Jonathan

Christmas means celebrating the birth of Jesus, not getting gifts from your friends and family. Christmas is a very special holiday. For me it’s my favorite holiday. Every year my family celebrates Christmas at our house. We have a tradition that the youngest person from the family puts the star on the tree. Their dad carries him/her up to put the star. For me that’s what Christmas is all about.

By Tatyana

Christmas is the time of the year when Jesus was born. This holiday started because of the birth of Jesus. This holiday means so much to me for many reasons. One reason is, because it is when our savior Jesus Christ was born. Another reason is that I love Christmas, because I can spend the holiday with my loving family. The last reason is, because I get to go to my cousin’s house and eat a big feast. This is why Christmas means so much to me.

By Emily

Christmas is very close to my birthday, so I like celebrating that. It is also Jesus’s birthday and we celebrate that too. I also like getting presents and decorating the Christmas tree. We usually go to my aunt’s house and eat dinner and sing carols. I just really love Christmas.

By Melana

Christmas is the time of year when you spend time with your family. It’s when Jesus is born and we all love him. Every Christmas we put up the stable Jesus was born in. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Its my favorite holiday, because I love Jesus and that’s the day he was born on. So, this Christmas be thankful for what you have and be grateful for the people you love. We love Jesus and Jesus loves us!

By Sonia

To me, Christmas is a very special holiday. It symbolizes that the king of all kings is born. On Christmas, I take time and pray to God and thank him for all my wonderful blessings. I remember how poor baby Jesus was, born in a barn while everyone else was born in a hospital. I love God and he loves me too. Happy Birthday Jesus!

By Jeffrey
Kindergarten Loves Christmas

I love Christmas because...

I get to decorate our house
  – Nicholas Azilazian

We get to go and play with snow
  – Christina Boledian

I get to decorate my Christmas tree
  – Stephanie Mazmanian

We get to decorate our house with lights
  – Haylee Panossian

We get to celebrate Jesus’ birthday
  – Lori Sipilian

Santa comes to our house
  – Natalia Zovigian

I get to put lights on the Christmas tree
  – Sako Setragian

I could open gifts
  – Laurene Kouladjian

We get to build snowmen
  – Alina Bahadarian

We get to get new toys
  – Lorance Tatikian

We get to eat a big family dinner
  – Isabella Zovigian

I could wear my Christmas hat
  – Michael Kizirian
My favorite weather is snowy because I love building snowmen. - Luca

My favorite weather is a sunny day because we go on vacation. - Christy

My favorite weather is sunny because I can go to the beach. - Nicole T.

My favorite weather is sunny because I can go to the beach. - Nicole B.

My favorite weather is a sunny day because we can swim and have fun. - Paulena

My favorite weather is sunny because I can go to the beach. - Tina

My favorite weather is sunny because you can go to the beach. - Harout

My favorite weather is snowy because I can go to the hills and slide down. - Darron

My favorite weather is sunny because I can go to the beach. - Mirey

My favorite weather is sunny because I get to jump in my pool. - Lara

My favorite weather is snowy because I can play with snow. - Troi

My favorite weather is sunny because I like to wear shorts and T-shirts. - Raffi

My favorite weather is snowy because I love to play in the snow. - Anna

My favorite weather is snowy because we can make snowmen. - Ara

My favorite weather is rainy because I can use an umbrella. - Cristapor

My favorite weather is cloudy because I love it when it rains. - Alexandra

My favorite weather is snowy because there is snow and I can go in a cabin. - Sebastian

My favorite weather is sunny because it is hot and I can swim. - Kareen
The 1st grade students traveled to the elegant country of France for their "Christmas Around the World" program. During the program they presented the audience with a Can Can Dance, gave facts about the way the French celebrate Christmas, sang Jingle Bells in French and also introduced their onlookers to couple of French artists. Below you will be able to find the student's version of 3 French masterpieces - Van Gogh, Matisse, and Monet.
CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

The second graders were off to visit the country of Germany in December to find out how Christmas is celebrated there. They found out many interesting facts about Germany and learned to sing 'Silent Night' in German, the original language of the famous Christmas song.

Here's what the second graders have to say about Christmas in Germany:

Anush, Emma, Emily, Tiana: Merry Christmas from Germany!

Alex B., Victoria: Frohliche Weihnachten is German for Merry Christmas.

Alex M., Garo: In Germany Christmas is a very special time of the year.

Karina, Narod: Children write letters to Father Christmas. In German he is called the Weihnachtsmann.

Lily: Children who were on the good list get presents from the Weihnachtsmann. Children on the naughty list get coal from the Weihnachtsmann.

Sako, Silva: He leaves them in your shoes!

Marcus, Sophia: In Germany people decorate their trees with beautiful candles and they can be seen glittering and glowing in all the towns across Germany.

Alex K., Patil: Did you know that the Christmas tree tradition came to America from Germany? Did you also know that the Christmas song 'Silent Night' was sung in German first?

Andre: Wait, did you also know that gingerbread houses and cookies came to America from Germany too? Just thinking about it makes me hungry!

Brianna, Isabelle: In Germany people decorate advent wreaths with four red candles. They light one candle each Sunday in December.

Michael, Nicolas: Children count the days until Christmas using an advent calendar.

David, Johnny: They open one window of the calendar each day and find a tasty sweet inside. They eat their way until Christmas Day!

From all of us in second grade, we hope you enjoyed hearing about Christmas in Germany. Frohliche Weihnachten! Merry Christmas!

Here's how to say Merry Christmas in different languages:

Danish: Gladelig Jul
Dutch: Vrolijk Kerstfeest
Greek: Kala Christouyenna
French: Joyeux Noel
Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimaka
Irish: Nollaig Shona Dhuit
Italian: Buon Natale
Portuguese: Feliz Natal
Spanish: Felix Navidad
Swahili: Krismasi Njema
Swedish: God Jul
My Greatest Wish

In light of the coming New Year, fourth grade would like to share their greatest wishes.

My wish for the world is to have world peace, and for everyone to be kind to one another.
My wish for my family is for them to live a healthy life.
My wish for my friends is to have a wonderful life.
My wish for my school is to be successful.
My wish for myself is to have a great life and to be smart.

-Alik Mardiros

My wish for the world is that it would be clean and not dirty…and that we wouldn’t be sick.
My wish for my family, friends, or school is that everyone will always be safe.
My wish for myself is that I can be safe.

-Christine Awakian

My greatest wish for the world is that everyone would live in peace and justice.
My greatest wish for my family is that they would live a long, joyful, and healthy life.
My wish for my school and friends is that they would be happy and joyful always.
My wish for myself is that I live a long, healthy life…and that I could one day have a little baby-brother.

-Natel Titizian

My wish for the world is for us to be more careful about the Earth and not to pollute our world.
My wish for my family, friends and school is to have peace and kindness, and to have more students.
My wish for myself is that I have a good future.

-Talar Sarkissian

My wish for the world is for world peace.
My wish for my family is for them to be healthy.
My wish for my friends is that they will have a good life.
My wish for my self is that I would become a football player.

-Hrag Vartabedian

My wish for the world is that everyone would be Christian.
My wish for my family, friends and school is that everyone would be healthy.

-Christina Sahagian

My wish for the world is that it would snow.
My wish for my family, friends and school is to be safe.
My wish for myself is to have everything. I want a Wii U, an Xbox, PS4, PS3, and a golden boat.

-Vahram Vartabedian

My wish for the world is for people not to take advantage of animals or our natural resources.
My wish for my family is for them to live a long, happy and healthy life.
For my friends, I wish happiness and joy.
For my school, I wish for kindness to spread all around, and for our school to have tons of students.
My wish for myself is that I will continue to have a good personality and will live an honest life with joy and happiness.

-Maria Miwalian

My wish for the world is that everyone would be Christian.
My wish for my family, friends and school is to be safe.
My wish for myself is to be even more nicer.

-Armen Darakchyan
My wish for the world is world peace.
My wish for my family is to always stay with me.
My wish for myself is to stay with my dog.
- Shant Bashian

My wish for the world is to make everyone Christian, and have no wars.
My wish for my family is for them to be healthy, loved, and humble.
My wish or my friends is for everyone to be humble, nice and to love each other.
My wish for my school is to have a lot of students.
My wish for myself is to be humble, kind, athletic, and smart.
- Angela Babayan

My wish for the world is world peace.
My wish for my friends and family is to have a happy life.
My wish for myself is to be a great soccer player.
- Chris Aime

My wish for the world is that no one dies, and everyone is very healthy.
My wish for my family, friends, and school is health and goodness.
My wish for myself is that I have a good and healthy life.
- Angelina Khatchikian

My wish for the world is to have world peace… That there would be no wars and no innocent people would die.
My wish for my school is that it would have a lot of money.
My wish for myself is to learn more about God.
- Andrew Mazmanian

Third Grade Family

Written By: Third Grade Class

Alexis is great at art,
Alique is very smart.
Andreas is very fast,
Aram knows the past.
Aren is good at Math,
Arsen loves hats.
Bella loves the color pink,
Brandon likes to think.
Claudine knows what to do,
Daniella is funny too.
Natalia loves to wear tights,
Nareh is afraid of heights.
Njteh likes to scream.
Roubeena likes whip cream.
Vicken completes the class,
Mrs. Mary keeps us on task!
Christmas in Lebanon is a very special time. It's a wonderful thing to see the Christmas spirit alive and well in homes across the country, no matter the family’s religious background. Christmas in Lebanon has adopted more of the Western traditions, like the Christmas tree and Father Christmas (Baba Noel). Many of its unique traditions are still practiced, lending to a balanced festive experience of old world and new.

At Christmas, the nativity scene comes to life with the sowing of seeds. Fourteen days before Christmas, sprouted beans and seeds such as chickpeas, broad beans, lentils, oats and wheat are grown on damp cotton wool. By Christmas, the plants will have reached six or more inches in length and these shrubberies fill the cracks of the nativity and other parts of the home.

Christmas mass is still a tradition celebrated in Lebanon as is the traditional dance, known as dabkeh, where people join hands to form a circle or semi-circle and stomp along to native tunes of percussion.

On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, depending on the families' preferred customs, loved ones come together to celebrate around a true Levantine feast. The Christmas table displays an eclectic mix of dishes, showcasing Lebanon’s rich history of cultural influences. One will find the traditional kebbeh pie, Lebanon's national dish made from minced meat and burghul, often served in warm yogurt sauce (a symbol of snow) alongside turkey or chicken with spiced, nutty rice, tabouleh, mezze plates of hummus and beet and tahini salad, lamb rotis and much more.

For deserts, the French Mandate stamp is ever so present with the buche de noel, which graces the table of every home in Lebanon and at the same time, there is also the traditional meghli (rice flour, anise and caraway pudding), which is often made in celebration of newborns, and so during this time the celebration of Jesus’s birth.

The commercial aspect of gift giving has been adopted wholeheartedly; and children await the visit of Baba Noel. Usually, someone in the family dresses up as Santa while children come together next to the Christmas tree for the dispersion of presents. In Lebanon, Santa Claus is also put to use for social services during the season.

So, as we like to say in Arabic, "Eid Milad Majid" or a "Glorious Birth" to which you may reply "kul am wa enta bi- khair" which means "may every year find you in good health" Alternatively, if you like, a simple Joyeux Noel will do fine, too.
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Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.

Laurene Kouladjian
Snowman, Kindergarten

Alex Vartanian
Reindeer, 5th Grade

Angela Babayan
Pastel Snowman, 4th Grade

Tiana Tatikian
Pastel Goose, 2nd Grade

Alex Vartanian
Horse, 5th Grade

Tiana Tatikian
Pastel Santa, 2nd Grade

SMACS Art Gallery

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“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

- Edgar Degas
Congratulations to the “Honor Roll” students of 2nd Quarter

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Nicholas Azilazian
Alina Bahadarian
Christina Boledian
Michael Kizirian
Laurene Kouladjian
Stephanie Mazmanian
Haylee Panossian
Lori Sepilian
Lorance Tatikian
Natalia Zovigian

1st Grade
Nicole Bajakejian
Tina Garabedian
Raffi Jivalagian
Anna Khiroian
Paulena Kojoglanian
Harout Mitilian
Cristapor Panossian
Sebastian Pepo
Ara Rastguelienian
Darron Sarkissian
Nicole Titizian
Luca Youssefian

2nd Grade
Andre Abdollahian
Alexandra Babayan
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Emma Deravedissian
Narod Ekmekjian
Alexandra Karamanoukian
Sarkis Kiledjian
Alex Muradian
Sophia Panossian
Michael Sahagian
Patil Tajerian
Tiana Tatikian

3rd Grade
Natalia Abadjian
Daniella Agojian
Roubeena Akmakjian

4th Grade
Alexis Avakian
Claudine Azilazian
Njteh Girichian
Nareh Kiledjian
Alique Klahejian
Vicken Kouladjian
Andreas Minassian
Aren Minassian
Arsen Rastguelienian
Bella Youssefian

5(a) Grade
Kristina Agojian
Astghik Gasparyan
Emma Haroutonian
Sarine Nazarian
Sarine Vartabedian
Alex Vartanian

5(b) Grade
Athena Baghdassarian
Jeffrey Balian
Liana Chiranian
Sonia Darakjian
Melana Gendal
Emily Isakulyan
Hagop Kiledjian
Tatyana Sevajian

6th Grade
Heiko Abadjian
Tigran Arabyan
Alexander Azilazian
David Chepetian
Hrag Ekmekjian
Harout Kabaian
Sevan Krikorian
Sosse Minassian

7th Grade
Joseph Atme
Shoghik Gasparyan
Lara Gendal
Tatiana Hamparsumian
Susan Kazarian
Isabelle Mazmanian
Mireille Minassian
Sabrina Pelenghan
Marianne Sahagian

8th Grade
Alex Avanesyan
Tania Balian
Christina Chiranian
Alex Deravedissian
Stephanie Khatchikian
Savannah Minassian
Liana Tatevosian
Tamar Yepremian

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**STAR STUDENTS**

2nd QUARTER

**Kindergarten**
Alina Bahadarian
Christina Boledian
Michael Kizirian
Lori Sepilian (2)
Natalia Zovigian

**1st Grade**
Raffi Jivalagian
Karen Khayalian
Anna Khroian
Paulena Kojoglanian
Mila Minassian
Ara Rastguelenian

**2nd Grade**
Andre Abdollahian
Karina Awakian
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Johnny Jemelian
Victoria Postajian
Patil Tajerian

**3rd Grade**
Alexis Avakian
Njteh Girichian
Nareh Kiledjian
Alique Klahejian (2)
Vicken Kouledjian
Bella Youssefian

**4th Grade**
Christopher Atme
Alik Mardiros
Maria Miwalian
Christina Sahagian
Talar Sarkissian
Natel Titizian
Vahram Vartabedian

**5(a) Grade**
Aren Aroyan
Sophia Azar
Sevana Baghdoyan
Shantel Indjian
Sarine Nazarian
Sarine Vartabedian
Alex Vartanian

**5(b) Grade**
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Athena Baghdassarian
Liana Chiranian

**6th Grade**
Sonia Darkajian
Melana Gendal
Jonathan Postajian
Tatyana Sevajian

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Alex Azilazian (2)
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Sosse Minassian

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**TEACHER’S CORNER**

Name: Ivette Babikian

Occupation: 4th Grade Teacher

Birthplace: Isfahan, Iran

Hobbies: I love to read! I also enjoy discovering new coffee shops with friends, book clubs, high tea, and teaching fabulous 4th graders.

Dislikes: Long lines, vanilla, and pork.

3 items I can’t live without: My family, iPhone, and Nutella

Favorite Color: Red

Favorite Movies: Back to the Future, foreign movies, and anything from the 1940’s-1950’s.

Favorite Animal: Elephants, they’re so smart!


What have your students taught you? My students have taught me patience, and to have a sense of humor in all things.

What is your favorite part about teaching? Truly love what I do! Very few people can say that about their job. I get to hear jokes, laugh, try experiments and get messy. I especially love the, “Oh, I get it now!” moment.

Message to Students: Read every day and never stop learning! The mind’s capacity for information is limitless, and the best part is, you get to keep everything you learn!