SMACS 8th Graders Sharing the Christmas Spirit!

SMACS 8th graders sharing the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle of Christmas with Christmas carols and by delivering toys to PAPAC (Pasadena Armenian Police Advisory Council)'s 20th annual Christmas Toy Drive.
Why Do We Celebrate Christmas?

Written by 8th Grade Girls

Christmas is a joyous holiday, that young children especially like, mainly because of all the presents and Santa. Sure, that’s all fun, but Christmas is a serious holiday, it’s about the birth of Jesus Christ.

It’s called Christmas, because Christ was born on Christmas day, hence the name. We should be celebrating the birth of Christ, not just exchanging gifts and waiting for Santa. We are Christians after all, and if we focus on presents the whole time, the true meaning of Christmas will disappear.

Christmas has been commercialized, and children need to understand what an important day Christmas is. Jesus was born, who then died on the cross and was treated like a criminal, all for our sake. That’s why we celebrate Christmas.

By Mireille Minassian

According to the Webster’s New World Dictionary, Christmas means the celebration of Jesus’s birth; December 25.

Jesus died on the cross for our sins, so we can have eternal life in heaven. Jesus healed the sick and the injured. He was kind, loving and helpful to all. Jesus is beyond great, He is perfect. God decided that he will send his Son Jesus to earth. When Jesus was born, everyone knew he was great, He was the King of Kings. The word Christmas has the word Christ in it. Christmas isn’t about santa or gifts. Santa didn’t heal people or die for them, Jesus did, that’s why we celebrate our wonderful King of King’s birth!

By Isabelle Mazmanian

Everyone should be thankful and happy on Christmas day, because Jesus our savior was born. Jesus is the reason we can go to heaven and live forever. Everyone forgets the meaning of Christmas. It’s not about people giving gifts to each other or Santa. Today people call Christmas X-mas, they are taking Christ out. This world has become a place where they want you to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

For me, getting together with family and celebrating the birth of Jesus is fun, because Jesus is our gift, and because of him we can spend eternity with Him. Jesus loved us so much that he died on the cross for us.

By Susan Kazarian

We celebrate Christmas, because Jesus was born on that day. It is basically Christ’s birthday. We celebrate the life of Jesus, because if he wasn’t born we wouldn’t be here right now. If he wasn’t born, we would be full of sin. He grew up and got wiser and helped a lot of people. Because Jesus was such a humble person and gave so much, we do the same by giving presents on Christmas day.
We get together with friends and family and remember that very special day when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

*By Tatiana Hamparsomian*

Christmas is often mistaken for a simple holiday. Christmas is often celebrated as a season about Santa and presents.

Christmas is made up of one word, and that is Christ. Christmas day is a day to celebrate and honor the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This coming December 25th, remember the true meaning of Christmas. Next time you tell someone Merry Christmas, think about what it cost our savior to become a human being.

“For God so loved the world, That he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16.

*By Sabrina Pelenghian*

Christmas is every child’s favorite holiday, and even some adult’s too. When most people hear the word Christmas, they think of gifts and Santa. Most don’t think of how Christmas literally has the word Christ, and that’s a sad fact.

When Christmas time is here, I usually make a list of what I want and so does every other person in the world, that’s the normal thing to do, but it doesn’t make it the right thing to do. It doesn’t even cross my mind that it’s Christ’s Birthday. Santa and presents, Christmas trees, decorations, all of these things are taking away the focus from God’s Birthday.

In conclusion, Christmas in my opinion is an amazing holiday, but sometimes we forget the whole point of Christmas. Without Christ there wouldn’t even be Christmas.

*By Lara Gendal*

We celebrate Christmas, because that’s the day, Jesus, our savior was born. If he wasn’t born then most of us would not be here, and even if we were here, everything would be completely different. Our values and our status quo would be the opposite of what it is now. Christmas was the day that Christ was born in Bethlehem, in a manger. We celebrate Christmas, because we are Christians.

*By Shoghik Gasparyan*

I think the reason we celebrate Christmas is, because Jesus was born on that day. We need to remember that the real reason for Christmas is so much greater than what the world views it’s meaning to be.

Christmas doesn’t mean Santa Claus, or a 3 week break from school, and getting more gifts. Christmas is about getting together with family and realizing the worth of faith. It’s about going to Church on Sundays and listening to the pastor speak about the birth of Christ. It’s a time to remember and learn more about how great our God is.

*By Marianne Sahagian*
Kindergarten Activities

Showing off our Indian Hats for our Thanksgiving day lunch!

Taking a picture by our beautiful Christmas tree and candy house!

Having fun decorating our pumpkins!

Enjoying a sunny day in our playground!

We thank our police officers and guard dogs for taking care of us!

Having a groovy day on our 50th day of school!
Hello my name is Vache Elf! I can help Santa with gifts. I can make gifts. I can wrap the gifts.

Hello my name is Haylee Elf. I can help wrap the gifts with Santa. I can walk the reindeer. I can sit with Santa and drink milk.

Hello my name is Natalia Elf. I can make toys. I can drink milk. I will play with snow.

Hello my name is Haylee Elf. I can help wrap the gifts with Santa. I can walk the reindeer. I can sit with Santa and drink milk.

Hello my name is Lorance Elf. I will help Santa by wrapping presents. I will help Santa clean. I will help feed the reindeer.

Hello my name is Isabella Elf. I will play with the reindeer. I will drink milk. I will slide on the sleigh.

Hello my name is Nicholas Elf. I would look at the naughty list. I would wrap presents. I would take the reindeer for a walk.

Hello my name is Michael Elf. I will make toys. I can take a break. I will help Santa with the gifts.

Hello my name is Laurene Elf. I can make a gift. I will play in the snow. I will help Santa wrap the gifts. Then I will take a break.

Hello my name is Sako Elf. I can wrap a gift. I will drink milk. I can play in the snow.

Hello my name is Isabella Elf. I will play with the reindeer. I will drink milk. I will slide on the sleigh.
2nd Grade

Second grade is time when readers blossom and become independent. It is with pleasure that I watch students pick up books in class and enjoy the various genres independently, in pairs, or in bigger groups. There is always time allocated for reading each day. It is a time students look forward to and a time I believe that provides them with a chance to let their imaginations roam freely. But once a month a break from the usual routine takes place when a surprise reader whom we call the Mystery Reader pops in to share a book with us. The morning of the visit I announce to the class that we will have a mystery reader. Cheers usually follow. Welcome banners and signs get hung on our door and our excitement grows as the time approaches for the mystery guest. We have been entertained by older siblings and moms alike who have read to us once a month since September. After each reading we've had meaningful discussions and question and answer sessions.....And yes, we've even been pampered with snacks or small gifts by each mystery reader too! Mrs. Aylin

Here is what second grader, Luca Youssefian, has to say about the Mystery Reader:

Once a month my teacher, Mrs. Aylin, asks our moms if they can come to our class and be a mystery reader. It is always a surprise. A mom shows up and reads a story to our class. Last week, my mom surprised me by being our mystery reader. She read a story called The Legend of the Candy Cane. It was about the meaning of candy canes. It was really cool to have my mom come and read to my class. She did a good job and my friends and I liked the story a lot. She even passed out candy canes at the end. But a bigger surprise was that she also brought Krispy Kreme donuts and surprised me for my birthday too. She even had hats chocolate and vanilla milk for everyone. It was the best surprise ever!

December was Acts of Kindness Month in second grade. Here are some of the many ways students "lit up" each other's hearts:

Lim: My friend Harout lit up my heart by cheering me up and by being a good friend!

Ara: Luca, Troi, Harout, and Cristapor lit up my heart by helping me up when I fell down. They wanted to make sure I was fine.
Paulena: My friend Anna lit up my heart by playing with me and being my friend.
Harout: My friend Cristapor lit up my heart by helping me up when I fell.
Tina: My friend Paulena lit up my heart by sharing some of her food with me last Friday.
Anna: Nicole B. lit up my heart by listening to me. She helps me whenever I fall or when I am sad.
Luca: Mirey lit up my heart by getting my water bottle and giving it to me when I forgot it.
Cristapor: Luca lit up my heart by being kind to me and helping me when I fell down.
Christy: Mirey lit up my heart by helping me learn my Bible verse and helping me get up when I fell.
Nicole T: Nicole B. lit up my heart by being very nice and not leaving me alone. She is very sweet and never ever hurts my feelings.
Milya: Christy and Lim lit up my heart by helping me to the office when I was injured!
Troi: Cristapor and Luca lit up my heart because they helped me up when I fell during soccer.
Nicole B: Anna lit up my heart by staying a good friend no matter what. We will be friends forever and ever!
Mirey: My friend Nicole T. lit up my heart by trying to always make me happy. I also want to say that Jesus is our savior. He brought peace to the world. December is the month we celebrate our savior's birthday. Joy to the world, The Lord has come!
Merry Christmas!

1st Grade’s Acrostic Poem with the help of "REINDEER!"

Reindeer help pull Santa's sleigh
Everyone gets presents
In Bethlehem, Jesus was born
North Pole is Santa's home
Decorations on our tress
Elves help Santa wrap presents
Eat cookies and candy canes
Remember it's Jesus' birthday
Christ is born on Christmas Day.
He is here to save the day.
Remember His birth everyday,
Incredible is the word to describe Him.
Savior died on the cross for us,
To cleanse our sins.
Mary and Joseph were told by
Angeles that a
Savior will be born and He will be the light of the world.

By: Lily Balian, Emily Arabyan, Silva Basmadjian, Sophia Panossian, & Emma Deravedissian

Christ was born to give us
Hope, forgiveness, and faith. He will also show us the
Right path to heaven! His power is
Incredible! He is also our
Savior.
Thinking about Him on Christmas Day brings
My heart joy
And
Satisfaction!

By: Alex Babayan, Narod Ekmekjian, Alex Karamanoukian, Michael Sahagian, Isabelle Kizirian, Sarkis Kiledjian, and Alex Muradian
Merry Christmas

Christ is our shield
Having Him in your heart; makes us
Realize how blessed we are,
Interacting with Him with prayer
Satisfies our hearts.
Together we stand to praise the day
Making spirits bright!
As a
Signal for our love to Christ.
By: Andre Abdollahian, Brianna Balian, David Avanesyan, and Patil Tajerian

Merry Christmas

Christ is born on Christmas Day
He covers the world with
Righteousness! Having Him in our hearts is an
Incredible feeling.
Standing
Together on this special day.
Memories are made for us to
Appreciate on this
Special day.
By: Garo Poladian, Victoria Postajian, Tiana Tatikian, and Johnny Jemelian
4th grade students read "Cendrillon" and learned about various ballroom dances. After, they created notecards for the dance they liked the most:

"I liked the waltz, because it was a nice dance and it was calm too." - Natalia
"I liked the waltz, because they all memorized it and danced delicately." - Daniella
"I liked the tango the best, because it is fast and we still dance it today." - Nareh
"I liked the waltz, because I like circles." - Brandon
"I like the tango, because they were turning fast." - Aren
"I like the tango, because it is the most energetic, exciting, and fun." - Aram
"I liked the waltz, because it was fun." - Arsen
"I liked the rumba, because they danced quickly and I like quick dances." - Alique
"I like the tango, because they move very quickly." - Njteh
"I like the tango, because you move around fast." - Vicken
"I liked the tango, because they moved a lot." - Claudine
"I liked the minuet, because the people were focused and dancing carefully with each other." - Bella
"I liked the tango, because I know how to do it best." - Roubeena
"I liked the rumba, because on the dress there were jewels." - Andreas

“I Wish…” Poems
by 5th Grade

I wish I could fly
I wish I can talk
I wish I will cry
I wish I can walk
- Natel

I wish I could fly
I wish I could touch the sky
I wish I could fly very high
I wish I could cry.
- Chris

I wish I could fly
I wish I could lie
I wish I could feel bore
I wish I could feel a little more
- Christina

I wish I could go to Seattle
I wish I had a caramel apple
I wish I had a bigger boat
I wish I had some more hope
- Shant

I wish I could cook
I wish I would look
I wish I could walk
I wish I could talk
- Alik

I wish I could sew,
I wish I could climb,
I wish I had a bow,
I wish I was a lime.
- Angela
Ամուսնական Օր

Օր նր, Սաբհան էլզ, միև պատրաստ միա հազարամի լիորե
տեսանց տեղեկացություն էլզ վիճակական: Սահման համար միա հազարամի տեսանց քնարե: Օրի պատրաստ տես մի երեք գրիթը երբ ու երեք:
Սահման էլզ տեսանց այլ գրիթը երբ բազմացում երբ վերծանում
տարեր:

Սմբուկիները խտացած են դեպի երկուս այդ ամուսնական
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Դեռ ես երբեմնս առաջին տարին եմ ձեռնարկատեր իր գրողությունը: Այսօր, ես եզակի գիրքի հիման վրա պատմել եմ: Բոլոր թերթերի գրականության մեջ ենթադրվում են բազմաթիվ դիրքեր՝ իսկ ես պատմել եմ երկու նախորդ թերթերի վրա.

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Beautiful and creative artwork, created by our amazing artists.

SMACS Art Gallery

Alexandra Karamanoukian
Q-tip Fall Tree
3rd Grade

Lily Balian
Pastel Parrot
3rd Grade

Brianna Balian
Q-tip Fall Trees
3rd Grade

Angela Babayan
Nighttime Pastel Owl
5th Grade

Nareh Kiledjian
Hot Air Balloons
4th Grade

Alik Mardiros
Nighttime Pastel Owl
5th Grade
“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

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

Kindergarten
Alina Agojian
Sebastian Astourian
Tyler Gordon
Vana Hovagimian
Jonathan Kazanjian
Avo Klahejian
Steven Kouladjian
Alexander Lambajian
Chloe Lambajian
Adriney Mardirosian
Connor Matossian

1st Grade
Nicholas Azilazian
Michael Kizirian
Laurene Kouladjian
Vache Muradian
Lorance Tatikian
Isabella Zovigian
Natalia Zovigian

2nd Grade
Nicole Bajakejian
Lim Kalemkarian
Anna Khroian
Paulena Kojoglanian
Harout Mitilian
Ara Rastguelenian
Nicole Titizian
Luca Youssefian

3rd Grade
Andre Abdollahian
Emily Arabyan
David Avanesyan
Alexandra Babayan
Brianna Balian
Lily Balian
Silva Basmadjyan
Emma Deravedissian

4th Grade
Natalia Abadjian
Daniella Agojian
Roubeena Akmakjian
Claudine Azilazian
Njeh Girichian
Nareh Kiledjian
Alique Klahejian
Vicken Kouladjian
Aren Minassian
Arsen Rastguelenian
Bella Youssefian

5th Grade
Christopher Atme
Angela Babayan
Shant Bashian
Alik Mardiros
Christina Sahagian
Natel Titizian

6th Grade
Kristina Agojian
Athena Baghdassarian
Jeffrey Balian
Liana Chiranian
Sonia Darakjian
Astghik Gasparyan
Melana Gendal
Emma Haroutonian
Angie Mitilian
Tatyana Sevajian
Sarine Vartabedian

7th Grade
Heiko Abadjian
Tigran Arabyan
Alexander Azilazian
David Chepeian
Hrag Ekmekjian
Lori Kenderian
Sevan Krikorian
Sosse Minassian

8th Grade
Joseph Atme
Shoghik Gasparyan
Lara Gendal
Tatiana Hamparsomian
Vicken Jemelian
Susan Kazarian
Isabelle Mazmanian
Mireille Minassian
Sabrina Pelenghian
Michael Raad
Marianne Sahagian

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TEACHER’S CORNER

Name: Lucy Abadjian
Occupation: Teacher
Birthplace: Lebanon
Hobbies: Reading, knitting, and exercise.
Dislikes: Insects, and poor manners
3 items I can’t live without: God, my family, and chocolate.
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Books: Jane Eyre, The Bible.
Favorite Movies: Pride and Prejudice, The 6th Hour.
Favorite Animal: A puppy!
What have your students taught you? To take one day at a time, and to take life seriously, but not myself. To laugh more and have a childlike faith.
What is your favorite part about teaching? Since I’m the Bible teacher, the moment when my students are excited about Jesus dying for them on the cross, to redeem them from sin.
Message to Students: God helps those who help themselves! I love you!