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### Special points of interest:

- Parents, DO NOT forget to fill out and send back all necessary forms that have been sent home.
- Easy ways to support STS:
  1. GIANT A+
  2. SMART MONEY!!!
  3. BOX TOPS

## Happy Season of Advent!

As Advent begins...

Lord,  
*open my eyes, my ears, my imagination and my heart to any and all the ways you come into my life, this very day...*

During this Advent Season, may we be ready to receive the love God offers us and have the courage to share that love with others through loving action.

In these busy days before Christmas, take some time to let the Season of Advent bring some light, hope, freedom and peace to you and your family.

Lord Jesus,  
 Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
 We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.  
 We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us.  
 We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.  
 We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence.  
 We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
 To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"  
 Amen  
 J.M. Nouwen  
 Advent Prayer by Henri

H.E.R.O.E.S.



Helping Everyone Reach Our Eternal Salvation

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## WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS

Be on the alert for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs and symptoms of The Advent Virus:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
  - An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
  - A loss of interest in judging other people.
  - A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
  - A loss of interest in conflict.
  - A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
  - Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
  - Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
  - Frequent attacks of smiling.
  - An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
  - An increased susceptibility to love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.
- This virus has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

Don't think that love, to be true, has to be extraordinary. What is necessary is to continue to love. How does a lamp burn, if it is not by the continuous feeding of little drops of oil? When there is no oil, there is no light and the bridegroom will say: "I do not know you". Dear friends, what are our drops of oil in our lamps? They are the small things from every day life: the joy, the generosity, the little good things, the humility and the patience. A simple thought for someone else. Our way to be silent, to listen, to forgive, to speak and to act. That are the real drops of oil that make our lamps burn vividly our whole life. Don't look for Jesus far away, He is not there. He is in you, take care of your lamp and you will see Him."

- Mother Teresa

\*Look forward to seeing you at school.

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