



# Wildcat Weekly

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## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

As we head towards the third Sunday of Lent, the excitement for Christmas is really starting to build here at St. Mel's. We had lots of fun at the parish tree lighting last Friday, our toy drive donation box for St. Mary's is filling up, our classrooms are all decorated for Christmas, Santa's scout elves are keeping an eye on the kids here at school, and there is an excitement in the air as the children are thinking about what Santa might bring them. While there is still lots of learning to do (and some fun too) before Christmas break, one can't help but get caught up in the excitement, but let's not forget the true meaning on Christmas...the birth of our Savior, Jesus





## iReady goals...check!

The diocese has been using iReady as a diagnostic tool and individualized instruction plan for the past three years, but this year and going forward, iReady has replaced the Terra Nova exams for diagnostic and growth assessment. iReady complements our current reading and math programs and in order to be fully effective it is recommended that students spend 20-30 minutes per week per subject working on their individualized iReady lessons with a 70% or higher passing rate. Lots of students met this target in either ELA or Math (or both!) and we are proud of their efforts!!

### Looking Ahead

- Monday 12/18—Grinch Day \$3/NUT dress down in Grinch inspired attire, students will complete activities based on kindness.
- Tuesday 12/19—Christmas Concerts 9:30 am 3K/PK 1:30pm K-6 Students dress up for concerts
- Wednesday 12/20—Ugly Christmas Day—Wear your ugliest or tackiest Christmas sweater to school.
- Thursday 12/21—Pancake and PJ day Wear your PJs and enjoy pancakes home made by our PAA moms
- Friday 12/22—1/2 day (3K@ 11:50, all other grades @ 12noon) K-6 will attend 9am mass
- Wednesday 1/3—School reopens

