



*Merry Christmas*  
FROM HORIZON PREP!

## *December Calendar:*

*December 15th -19th • Pre-K Half Days & Teachers Conferences*

*December 19th • 1st - 8th Grade Christmas Program & Half Day*

*December 22nd -January 2nd • Christmas Break*

HORIZON  
*Living Nativity*  
*December 18th - 21st*

*Horizon Christmas Eve Services*  
2, 5, 7 & 11pm

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## *Giving The Joy of Christmas* Jesus + Others + You = JOY

*I*t seems the world is having a hard time finding the "Joy of Christmas" this year. Black Friday turned truly black—and in one case deadly—as shopper's greed blinded them to what's really important at Christmastime. It's easy to lose focus: the glitter of 5th Avenue often seems to outshine the single star over a Bethlehem manger. There is a tug in our soul that knows that finding the perfect gift won't bring us JOY, but accepting Jesus as the perfect gift will. When we have our priorities in order, that's when we find the true JOY of Christmas! Jesus + Others + You = JOY!



Paul writes in II Corinthians 9:7 "...*God loves a cheerful giver.*" (NKJV) This Christmas Horizon Prep has been doing a lot of cheerful giving. Thanks to the leadership of godly teachers and dedicated parent volunteers, our campus has been overflowing with boxes! We set a record for *Operation Christmas Child*—1,208 shoeboxes! We helped the church hit a new record of 2,706! Our *Helping Hands* ministry filled twenty-five 30-gallon bins with items for Grace Children's Home in Tijuana. That's 7,500 gallons of clothes, food, personal hygiene items, & supplies to start a new education center! Thank you for your willingness to bless others.

Those are just two school-wide projects: there are many more projects going on inside individual classrooms. In Mrs. Aschbrenner's class, students are anonymously slipping their own classroom currency of "starbucks" in the envelope of Erisami, their adopted Compassion International child. Our 5th graders recently collected coins to the tune of \$123 for the San Diego Rescue Mission—they were not allowed to ask for any donations from their parents. There is JOY in giving, and our children are spreading the JOY of Christmas at Horizon Prep!

As the bad news of Wall Street tries to chip away at your Christmas JOY, may you be reminded of a dusty street in Bethlehem, and the Good News that it brings: "*For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*" Luke 2:11 (NKJV)

— Dr. K



...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:6*



## A Gift of Joy UPDATE

Praise The Lord! Our "Gift of Joy" campaign is over 91% of target. As result we have stepped out in faith and ordered the purchase and installation of the new equipment for the Preschool and Kindergarten playgrounds. We are trusting that the Lord will yet provide for the remaining funds (approximately \$9,000) to close the gap and complete the campaign.

We are truly grateful for all those Preschool and Kindergarten families who felt led to partner with the mission and ministry of the school to make our renewed and refreshed playgrounds a coming reality. May God richly bless you for blessing the children and ministry of Horizon Prep. When the installation is completed you will all be invited to an official opening and dedication of the playgrounds.

– Cathy Towner

## Desire, Belief, Character, Determination, Heart, Pride...

are the core values that guide Velocity Sports Performance, the largest provider of sports training in the nation. P.E. has a whole new look this year as our coaches have partnered with Velocity to provide your children the best athletic training possible – starting in First Grade! This program gives our students the opportunity to improve speed, agility, mobility and flexibility, and energy systems, while reducing the risk of sports related injuries. It is our prayer that we can offer the most positive, passionate place for our students to experience the joy of athleticism!

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## Head Lice- Not Naughty or Nice

Just mentioning "head lice" gives most people the creeps. Over 80% of schools have a lice outbreak annually—affecting 10-12 million Americans. Anyone can get head lice: it's not a sign of poor hygiene.

### Be Alert!

- Avoid head-to-head contact
- Don't share brushes, combs, hats, scarves, or accessories
- Watch for itching—look for nits & lice
- Nits are tiny yellow, tan, or brown teardrop-shaped

If your child has head lice, it's not the end of the world. There are treatments! Be sure to alert the school so we can nip this nit!

– Nurse Tina Misel, School Nurse, F.N.P.



## KRISTIN ASCHBRENNER 2ND GRADE TEACHER



**Born and Raised:** Born in Kansas City, MO & raised in Colorado, moved to San Diego in 1982  
**College(s):** SDSU & Concordia University  
**Family:** Husband Wade, Son Ryan & Daughter Olivia, and two yellow labs  
**Teaching Experience:** 10 years as a classroom teacher & mentor – Anaheim City Schools; also worked with children displaced by abuse & neglect.  
**Hobbies:** Relaxing with my family, going to the beach, reading, crafts, & planning fun things to do with my class!  
**Something you might not know:** I have done the flying trapeze!

## The JOY of Homework

At Horizon Prep we aim to partner with you in your child's education for the best experience possible. I have found that the following "tips" have proven helpful for transforming stressful "homework time" into a structured, peaceful time in which all can benefit. Students that spend more time on homework, on average, do better academically than children who don't.

The Homework challenge: Try these suggestions for 2 weeks CONSISTENTLY and see if the JOY returns:

- Do homework at the same time and in the same place each day – find what time works best for your family and stick to it.
- Make sure all the materials the student will need are available – paper, pencils, sharpener, crayons, and a water bottle.
- Be positive about homework – The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires .
- If homework is meant to be done alone, stay away – too much involvement can prevent the positive effects it is intended to give.
- When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers – if the child can get out of work by playing helpless, they will—and then they'll try it at school!

Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills! If you have a question or concern regarding homework, please email your teacher to set up a time to talk. We would love to assist you any way we can.

– Loving your kids, Heather Henning

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