

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear OLS Families,

We are thrilled to announce that our primary students have begun preparing for this year's Christmas concert, a wonderful play called "Paint The Town December"!

The story is about a group of children who come together to decorate their town's storefront windows, celebrating the many diverse holidays of the season. The play will highlight and teach about traditions such as Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas, French Christmas Traditions and Ramadan, alongside our own traditional Christmas. It's a beautiful story of community and understanding that concludes with a unifying song, "Hearts Around the World."

As we plan this celebration, it is very important to us that we are **exceptionally thoughtful** and intentional in our execution. We want to ensure the traditions we highlight are represented respectfully, authentically, and joyfully, moving beyond simple stereotypes and truly honoring their meaning.

To help us achieve this, we are reaching out to our wonderful parent community. If your family celebrates (or has close experience with) Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas, French Christmas Traditions or Ramadan, we would be incredibly grateful for your partnership.

This partnership could involve sharing family stories or advising on cultural details (like specific decorations, attire or foods). Please provide your input using the linked google form below.

Parent Input for Paint the Town December

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn directly from the lived experiences of our own community members, bringing our school's equity goals of providing "mirrors, windows, and sliding doors" to life in a very real way.

Thank you for helping us make "Paint The Town December" a beautiful and authentic celebration for all our students.

Sincerely,

The Primary Teachers of OLS