Psalm 66 reminds us "Come and see what God has done, His awesome deeds for mankind!... let me tell you what He has done for me." The psalmist seems to look back on his version of 2020 and because of years of practicing, he is able to praise God and celebrate all that He has done. While the Israelites were still in the wilderness, the Lord taught His people how to be in relationship with Him - He taught them how to celebrate... how to set aside time to celebrate, which then also taught them how to praise Him. As we enter this holiday season, I'm reminded that we have so much to celebrate! In the Arts, your students have been working on some great things which we as the MCS family have typically celebrated in traditional ways. Due to current restrictions, large gatherings are not permitted. We hold such a high value for these opportunities so we are making new traditions for this year. We are so thankful that we still get to praise the Lord, even though the celebrations may look different.

This year's Christmas Music Concert will be transformed into a virtual celebration. Each class or cohort will be filmed at a specific time during the school day the weeks prior to Christmas break. On the day of your childs filming debut, they will invited to wear Christmas attire to school. A schedule, also provided below, and instructions will be sent out through the teachers. The final class production will be shared through the classroom teachers on Thursday December 17th., so families will be able to celebrate together in the comfort of their own home.

Our Middle School Theatre production of "The Best Worst Christmas Pageant" will be also be transformed into a virtual celebration. On Friday December 18, the prerecorded productions will be shared with the entire MCS community. This will be a great way to celebrate the beginning off christmas break with a family viewing party. Get your hot chocolates, concessions and enjoy!

Based on community health mandates we are still considering options for the spring elementary and middle school productions. We are committed to providing these opportunities to celebrate and do so in a creative way. Stay tuned for more details

When you view your child's christmas production, may it be a time of celebration for your family. We encourage you to plan a special Christmas viewing party and tag MCS on Instagram sharing your celebrations with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your art's teachers or myself as we would love to be able to help you. May the celebrations continue this Christmas season!

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- TK-P Tues 12/1
- TK-H Thurs 12/3
- K Tues 12/1
- 1st Wed 12/2
- 2nd Tues 12/1
- 3rd Thurs 12/3
- 4th Tues 12/15
- 5th Wed 12/16
- MS: various