

# TIGER TALES

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Written by a tale-telling teacher

Advent is in full-swing! This past Sunday started the Advent season in the Catholic Church and was the first of four Sundays marking time as we prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. Perhaps one of the most symbolic items you will see at SJS is the Advent wreath. Circular-shaped evergreen branches symbolizing that with God, there is no beginning or end. He always has been and always will be. Among the branches you will find 3 purple candles and 1 rose-colored candle. We light these candles in order of the four weeks as part of our tradition, our preparation and our anticipation. This week we light on purple candle, representing hope. We also begin the Christmas countdown with Advent calendars - they are all different! Find one that works for your family and start this timeless tradition.

We pray that all of our SJS families and Tiger Tales readers had a fantastic Thanksgiving break and are blessed throughout this busy holiday season with love and family.

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss: Mass with Bishop Cahill on Wednesday, November 30 - Jesse Tree Service immediately after Mass on Wednesday, November 30 - 2nd Sunday of Advent THIS Sunday, December 4. Visit your local parish and continue preparing those hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior - Save the Date for SJS PTC Gala 2017, "A Night Under the Big Top," Saturday, February 25, 2017.

God's blessings to you all.