SHCS 2024 Christmas Concert “Rejoicing with the Angels”: A Recap

Dear SHCS Community,

On Tuesday, December 17, the Sacred Heart gymnasium was transformed into a space of worship, joy, and festive cheer as we gathered for our 2024 Christmas concert, Rejoicing with the Angels. With voices lifted in song and hearts filled with the spirit of the season, our young performers glorified the Lord in a heartfelt celebration that brought our Sacred Heart family together.

The concert began with the reverent tones of “Song of Mary,” a musical setting of the Basque text known as “Gabriel’s Message.” The text reflects the biblical account of the Annunciation, highlighting that God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son, and through her free and wholehearted acceptance of the Angel Gabriel’s message, the mystery of the Incarnation was brought to fulfillment. “Song of Mary” was beautifully performed by our very own kindergarten instructional assistant, Gratia Below, who served as the guest vocalist and pianist. The Little Eagles and Kindergarten students fully embraced their role as the accompanying angel choir, adding an ethereal touch to the performance.

A particularly memorable moment of the evening was the delightful performance of “I’ll Have a Bluegrass Christmas Without Shoes” by Jeff Slaughter, presented by our first and second grade students. Student soloists Anna Fisher Ange and Jack Erpenbach led the song with poise and charm, bringing its heartfelt message to life. This lively tune not only highlighted the remarkable talents of our young performers but also served as a reminder that in giving, we truly receive.

Third grade showcased their instrumental and vocal gifts as they performed “Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)” by We the Kingdom, filling the gymnasium with a powerful message of hope and light.

As the evening progressed, the fourth grade students captivated the audience with their Broadway-style performance of “Christmas Is…” by Francesca Battistelli. Incorporating engaging props and dynamic movement, their rendition offered a heartfelt reflection on the true meaning of the season.

The concert concluded with the fifth grade students shining brightly in their spirited performance of John Riggio’s “Ugly Sweater,” a beloved musical tradition. Their charisma and energy brought the event to a joyful close, leaving the audience smiling and brimming with laughter.

Through every song and every note, the children reminded us of the joy of the season and the reason for our celebration. This year’s concert was a vibrant and joyful reminder that, like the angels who proclaimed Christ’s birth, we are called to rejoice and share His light with the world.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone, from those who played a direct role in the concert to the parents who thoughtfully prepared Christmas attire, ensuring our students felt their best as they joyfully shared their God-given gifts. Merry Christmas!

Brightest Blessings,
Natalie Kimbro, SHCS Music