



**PHELPS**  
VERITAS SINE TIMORE

**Winter Weather on the Way:** A little snow won't stop us from having school! But when road conditions do cause delays or cancellations for day students and faculty who live off campus, Phelps's weather-related information and decisions are communicated via text messages, emails, *Sycamore* postings, and local TV news outlets. (See page 35 of the *Student-Parent Handbook*.)

### 'Tis the Season - for *Acts of Kindness*

This year's **Holiday Program** will be on Wednesday, December 13. For the past few weeks, students and faculty have focused on sharing *Acts of Kindness* and finding ways to help, support, encourage, and appreciate one another. Small acts can reveal our character, connect us, and improve our community's collective well-being. Anonymous notes of appreciation and kindness will be collected and displayed at the nonsectarian Holiday Program.



**Toys for Tots** began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks and his fellow Marine Reservists collected and distributed toys to needy children in the Los Angeles area. Many Phelps boys this year have enjoyed spending some of their allowance money to purchase presents (during their weekend Target trips) that will be donated to local charities during the Christmas season.

### Middle School Printmaking Project

Our younger art students are inspired by the work of contemporary New Jersey artist Willie Cole, who is known for assembling everyday objects and transforming them into imaginative works of art. Students recently used their own footprints as patterns for their printing blocks, then created multiple prints, cut them out, and arranged them into new designs.



### Winter Sports Spotlight: Wrestling

The Lions take to the mat this year with a small but dedicated group of novice wrestlers who are working hard, learning fast, and having fun. Junior Khasim Mumin and senior Eric Appenzeller return to competition after injuries sidelined them last season. Both have their eyes set on this year's Pennsylvania and National Prep Tournaments.

The **JV Basketball Team** fought valiantly in a 39-38 season-opening loss at Westtown yesterday. All players contributed to turn a second-half ten-point deficit into a two-point lead with a minute to go. A Lions' last-second shot came up short, but the

boys can be proud of their promising effort. They continue their campaign at Friends Central on Friday, January 5.



The League and Varsity Basketball Teams enjoyed hard-fought games with our neighbors at Malvern Prep this week. Victories slipped away from us, but the Lions are learning. . . .

The Varsity plays today at 5:15 against Lawrenceville in the first round of the Peddie School Invitational Tournament. Click: [Live Stream Phelps game..](#)

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Construction crews are pouring concrete! Progress at the new Athletic Center is impressive.



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### **Weekend Activities:**

- Friday, Dec. 8 - DanDan Sichuan & Taiwanese Restaurant
- Saturday, Dec. 9 - Home of the Sparrow (community service opportunity)
- Sunday, Dec. 10 - Get Air Trampoline Park

### **Looking Ahead:**

- Thursday, Dec. 14 - Winter Break begins at 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 15 - Campus is closed at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Dorms open @ 1 p.m. Boarding students must return by 8 p.m.

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