

## KDS Students Share the Holiday Spirit with Others

The holidays are always a joyous time as we celebrate the birth of Christ. At KDS, our students, faculty, staff and friends helped spread the holiday spirit by serving others and enjoying the wonder of the season together.



*The joy of the holiday season is always present during the annual KDS Christmas Organ Recital in Nan Roberts Lane Chapel. This year's concert was held on Sunday, December 7, with Sue Ellen Adams, member of the Hunt's Spring Chapter, NSDAR, playing a selection of traditional holiday music. The KDS Middle School Choir, led by Sarah Coleman, performed a couple of songs, adding to the Christmas spirit. Following the program, a reception was held by the Gunter Mountain Chapter, NSDAR, in the Michigan Center. A wonderful time was had by all.*

*KDS Senior Kaleb Gowan performed a trumpet solo during the Christmas recital.*



*The new Pre-Kindergarten class (below) kicked off the season with a visit to Santa's Village where they did crafts, made cookies and listened to a Christmas story read by Mrs. Santa Claus.*

*If you look closely, you will see that the children are wearing the red shirts that were hand-decorated with paint and sequined Christmas trees donated by Ms. Sandy Heaton of Illinois.*

*Ms. Bailey added an "elf wrapping station" to her classroom for the holidays so that her 4 year-olds could practice wrapping presents.*







*Elementary students held a battle of the sexes canned food drive in which the girls donated 354 cans to the boys' 302. The 656 cans were donated to the New Life Methodist Church who bought fresh meats and vegetables to go with the cans to create Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to be given to the neediest families in the area.*



*KDS High School F.B.L.A. members shared their Christmas joy with a party for students in the Learning Resource Center.*



*Twenty-six members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade gifted classes visited the residents of a local healthcare facility hoping to spread some holiday cheer. Students sang Christmas carols and gave the residents hand-made cards. The students found the experience to be a blessing, and hope the residents received a blessing, too.*



*The KDS Elementary PTO sponsored a Winter Wonderland night for students and teachers. There were holiday crafts, activities and food, a snow man building contest for students and a door decorating contest for teachers.*