



Clelian Heights at a Glance



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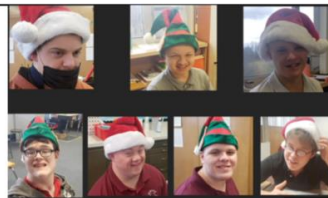
We are excited to share with you the events happening at Clelian Heights!

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Looking Back at Our Christmas Festivities



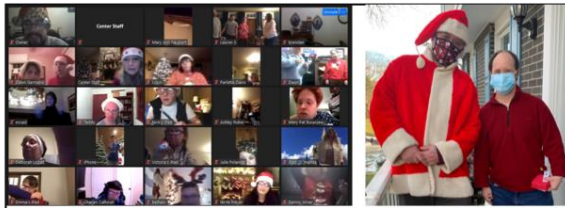
Clelian Heights School Christmas Extravaganza



Clelian Heights School Christmas

Even though no one was able to join us in-person for the Christmas show this year, we were able to enjoy the show virtually! Our students and staff created a video which featured each classroom in a skit, song, dance, or animation that exemplified the spirit of the Christmas season! Take a look at the smiling faces of our students, in these still images from the video! It was a wonderful show and it is available for viewing on our Facebook.

Clelian Center & ATF Christmas



Clelian Center Christmas Fun



The Clelian Center held Christmas festivities of their own via Zoom. Topics related to Advent and Christmas such as how to make an Advent Wreath with items in one's home, followed by an Advent prayer service with the Center participants leading the readings. There were sessions on the Christmas Pickle, St. Nicholas, Christmas elves, Santa's reindeer, writing letters to Santa, Christmas trees, holiday cookie baking, Christmas trivia and traditions, daily holiday/winter art projects, a trip to Bethlehem and learning the history of the Three Kings, dancing and singing to Christmas tunes, creative Christmas games and sharing Christmas plans and family traditions with friends.

There were some memorable sessions such as the Virtual Christmas Dance hosted by Lisa T. in place of the annual Lamplighter Christmas Dinner Dance, a Clelian Center/ATF rendition of *Twas the Night Before Christmas* composed by Lisa C. and Ray, a Christmas Prayer Service organized by Sr. Carrie who invited some international guests. Sr. Shawn Lyons and Sr. Clare Millea from Ireland, and

Sr. Linda Pettinella from Italy spent years ministering at Clelian and were happy to pray with us. The three had a chance to meet new people and reminisce with old friends.

Everyone was given the opportunity to have a face-to-face Zoom visit with Santa and many signed up to spend a few minutes alone with the Big Man in Red to make sure he knew what they hoped to get for Christmas.

Obviously, we couldn't have Santa come in a helicopter with no one here, but a generous donor still provided gifts that we wanted to get them to everyone. Santa and his elves headed out with names, addresses, directions and red Christmas boxes for our program participants. They surprised 88 people when they showed up at doorsteps in Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler and Bedford Counties. We did miss those in Clarion County, Florida and Arizona, but gifts await them when we open in the near future.

Welcome Back to Online
Clelian Heights!

Happy New Year! We hope that 2021 has had a safe and prosperous start for you and your families! All of our school students and Center /ATF adults are back for online learning as of January 4th. The School's teachers, aides, therapists, and support staff created thoughtful one-on-one and group sessions on a



variety of topics for our students using Zoom, Google Classroom, and many other online and physical resources.

While the Center/ATF staff coordinated a variety of group activities for the adults. The Center and School staff's commitments to those they serve have made online sessions fun, educational, and community-oriented.

Catholic Schools Week at Clelian

The final week of January is Catholic School week, a time to celebrate our Catholic foundation at Clelian Heights. During this week, we all renew our promise to love our neighbor and to cherish what God has gifted to each one of His people. This week will provide us with a special opportunity to give back to the local communities. Students will have a "Souper" Bowl Food Drive for those feeling the economic effects of COVID-19.

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