
Make your Christmas program welcoming

Creating a comfortable environment for your students' guests

“It only takes one cat—or person—to make another feel welcome and special.”

Laura C. Monteiro

Unless your school is very unusual, you will be having a Christmas program of some type. And you are very likely to have visitors from the extended families of your students. This is an important time to make sure your school is warm and welcoming.

Think carefully about your welcoming remarks

Remember that not everyone in your audience is familiar with your school. Try to work your school's mission into what you say.

Example:

"Because becoming a friend of Jesus is one of our primary goals at ____ Adventist School, we are focusing tonight on how Jesus showed His love for us in coming to this world."

Ask your friendliest parents to focus on greeting and welcoming visitors...

...and not just while handing out programs. At least some of your guests are likely to be only occasional visitors to your church or school. Make sure they feel welcome.

Check that your facilities represent your school well

Whether your program will be in your gym or your church sanctuary try to look at it with the eyes of a new guest.

- Is it clean and tidy? Even if your buildings are older, there is no excuse for not being clean when you have guests coming.
- If you are meeting in a school building or gym, could a guest tell that yours is a Christian school from what he or she sees on your walls? (One academy gym I've seen posts the aims and mottos for their prior graduating classes on their gym walls. That's a great start.)

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