



Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 17, 2017

This week Ms. Cecile and I had the privilege of escorting eight students to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Columbia Heights. We were invited by Sacred Heart School to worship at the Mass being celebrated by first Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chavez. The Spanish Mass incorporated Spanish hymns, liturgical dance, and was a beautiful and joyful example of the rich diversity found in our church. Our students were great ambassadors. I commend all of them on their attentiveness and reverence.

*Congratulations...* The first quarter honor roll list is included in this week's Friday Folder. Congratulations to all students who reached their goals. Gratitude is extended to Mrs. Small and Ms. Bailey for assisting with Wednesday's reception.

*CYO Basketball...* The 2017-2018 CYO basketball season has begun. The practice schedule is below. See Coach Hunter with any questions.

Girls' Varsity- Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 PM

Boys' Varsity- Tuesdays, 5:00-6:45 PM and Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 PM

Boys' Junior Varsity- Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 PM and Fridays, 5:00-7:00 PM

*Test Taking Practices...* It is important that we are clear about student behavior while assessments (quizzes and tests) are in progress. From the moment a test or quiz is distributed until the last student submits his/ her work the following practices must be observed.

1. Keep eyes on your own paper.
2. Store related materials out of sight.
3. Maintain silence. No talking.
4. Students must remain seated.

Violations of one or more of these practices will result in an automatic zero that will be recorded as the final grade. These practices have been reviewed with students. Please go over these four practices with your child and help us emphasize honor and integrity in the academic setting.

*Grandparents Morning...* We're ready for **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**! We will begin with 8:15 AM Mass in the church, and then proceed to the classrooms for an activity, and conclude with a reception in Margot Hall. The event will conclude at 11:00 AM. Parent volunteers are currently needed to organize the reception. **We especially need parents who are able and willing to cook breakfast.** Contact the office if you would like to help.

*Canned Food Drive...* Our Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive began on **Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds benefit our parish's St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Each student is asked to donate at least five items. Your generosity is appreciated.

*Save the Date...* **Our next Home & School Association Meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.** This is our "State of the School" meeting; your presence is very important at this particular meeting. Complimentary childcare will be provided and a free tag day will be awarded to the children of those in attendance.

*Thanksgiving Break...* Mark your calendars. **There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, November 22-24.** Classes resume on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Breakfast with Santa...* Our school is collaborating with Abbott Klar Real Estate Group to host "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 16th in Margot Hall. The event will include a pancake breakfast, a visit and picture with Santa, and arts and crafts. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school. Tickets are \$5 per child and \$8 per adult. This event is open to school families and friends and neighbors. All are welcome. Advanced tickets are preferred.

*Cold Cash ...* Lastly, I am pleased to share that "Cold Cash" is back by popular demand. "Cold Cash" cards are much like a raffle card. Each card is numbered. Each day in January a card number is picked. The winning number receives the prize stated on that calendar date. Participants can win more than once with the same number. However, the more cards you purchase the more your chances to win increase.

"Cold Cash" cards make fun stocking stuffers and are also easy to mail to friends and relatives while supporting St. Anthony.



Five "Cold Cash" cards were sent home to each family via the Friday Folder. Please contact me if you have questions or need more cards. All proceeds will benefit our stage renovation project. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. Your support is appreciated.

Peace,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal