



“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.’”
-Mark 13: 33

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December 1, 2017

Today was our first Advent prayer gathering for parents and guardians. I am grateful to Mark and Maggie Banga for organizing this brief but special opportunity to help prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. I encourage you to reserve 7:50-8:10 AM on the next three Fridays (8th, 15th, 22nd) to join us in the chapel for prayer. These twenty minutes will include a reading from Scripture, a brief moment of reflection and an opportunity for intercessory prayer together. All are welcome.



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming." Let us pray for one another so that we can truly celebrate Advent and not get preoccupied by the commercialism and stress often associated Christmas.

Follow-up... The attendance at Tuesday’s “State of the School” HSA meeting was excellent. Thank you for making the time to listen and share your thoughts. If you have any questions about the handouts or topics discussed please email me.

Bravo... Our choir gave two beautiful Christmas performances at The Willard Hotel on Wednesday night. Ms. Tracy and her assistant, Ms. Cecile, should be commended on a job well-done! Special thanks are also extended to Ms. Randolph, Ms. Lawler, and all of the parents who joined us.

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. Tickets can be purchased via our school website.



Stage Renovation... Are you an architect? Do you have creative ideas? Do you have experience with theater or design? We need to begin planning so we can begin the work. If you are able and willing to join the planning committee please email me.

Progress Reports... Progress reports will be distributed on Friday, December 8th. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have questions about your child’s progress.

Student Re-entry... Handbook page 11 states, “Once students have left the building at dismissal they may not re-enter for forgotten items, etc. unless escorted by the homeroom teacher. Permission for re-entry is at the homeroom teacher’s discretion.” Lately an increasing number of students have asked to return to their classroom from aftercare and thus the reminder. Please discuss organization and responsibility with your child.

Concert Reminders... The concert for grades 4-8 is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM in the church. The concert for PreK3-grade 3 is Thursday, December 21st at 9:00 AM in the church. Parents and guests are welcome to attend both concerts. Coffee and refreshments will be available to parents on Thursday, 8:00-8:45 AM. More concert details will follow.



Christmas Eve Choir... Students in grades 1-8 are invited to sing for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you love to sing and you love to celebrate Christmas, come join this special choir assembled to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve. There will be one mandatory rehearsal for all who would like to participate. This rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017, from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the main church. Bring a friend. For more information, please contact Lynne' Gray, Director of Music, at lynnegray225@gmail.com. Come let us adore him!

I wish all of you a blessed Advent!

Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian
Principal

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