



“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”  
–Thessalonians 5:16

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December 15, 2017

Ms. Tracy and our students have been working hard to present two fabulous Christmas Concerts for you and your family members. The concert for grades 4-8 is Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the church. The concert for PreK3-grade 3 is Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM in the church. Parents and guests are welcome to attend both concerts. A few things to note:



- Students should wear their “Sunday Best” to both the evening performance and the morning concert. Boys should wear a button-down shirt, dress pants, and nice shoes. Ties are encouraged but not required. Girls are encouraged to wear dresses or dress slacks. Wearing the academic uniform is a possibility. (Please no denim, sneakers, or t-shirts.)
- Students in grades 4-8 should report to their homeroom at 6:00 PM ready to sing.
- Band students should first check in with their homeroom teacher and then report to Margot Hall.
- Coffee and refreshments will be available to primary students’ parents on Thursday, 8:00-8:45 AM.
- Students in PreK3-grade 3 will not have an opportunity to dress out of their concert clothes. Dress festively and comfortably.
- Each concert lasts between about an hour and fifteen minutes.

*Breakfast with Santa...* This event is sold-out! Over 200 tickets were sold, wow! Volunteers should report to Margot Hall between 8:00-8:30 AM.

*More Santa...* Santa will return to school to visit all classes and attend the primary’s breakfast on Friday, December 22.

*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](mailto:lynnegray225@gmail.com). Come let us adore him!

*Policy Reminder (Handbook pages 12-13)*

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS**

St. Anthony Catholic School follows the Prince George's County School System for school closings or delayed openings in case of snow or other inclement weather conditions. Please listen to media reports for closing or delay information. When school is cancelled for inclement weather so are evening activities at school for that day.



If PGPCS have a two-hour (not one-hour) delayed opening on a day that St. Anthony Catholic School is scheduled for a 12:30 p.m. dismissal, the day will then be extended to 3:00 p.m.

In the event that school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, any scheduled school activities are cancelled for that day and evening. Cancellation of after-school activities may include after-care. A decision will be made on a case by case basis.

Each family is asked to sell a minimum of five “Cold Cash” cards! This fund raiser will have a significant impact on our stage renovation project. Your support is appreciated.

Cold Cash Card							CARD #
31 CHANCES TO WIN!							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	\$50	\$25	\$75	\$100	\$25	\$50	
\$25	\$75	\$50	\$25	\$125	\$50	\$25	
\$100	\$25	\$50	\$125	\$25	\$50	\$75	
\$50	\$125	\$25	\$75	\$50	\$25	\$100	
\$25	\$75	\$50	\$500	Card numbers are drawn every day during January 2018. If your card number is drawn, you win that day's cash prize. All card numbers are eligible each day, which means you can win more than once. Thank you for your support!			

“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. The more cards you purchase increases your chances to win.

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

Why the pink candle? One of the candles surrounding the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath is rose colored, for Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, the beginning of the third week in Advent. This weekend's readings teach us of the great joy, the birth of Jesus that is fast approaching. The rose candle also distinguishes itself from the three purple ones to get our attention. Prepare your hearts through prayer, penance, and good deeds. Our savior's birth is very near! Stay alert!

Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian  
Principal



*Proudly celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year!*