

“For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December 22, 2017

This weekend marks the fourth week of Advent. However, with Christmas on a Monday the fourth week is actually less than twenty-four hours. Our time of waiting and preparing is coming to a close. In a few days, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Our role as parents and teachers is to remind children that Christmas begins with Christ and He alone is reason for the season. Together, let us celebrate the Christmas Season with grateful hearts through prayer and charity.



St. Anthony is having Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM (Children’s Mass) and Midnight with carols beginning at 11:15 PM. Christmas Day Mass is at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM. I invite you worship with us. All are welcome; bring a friend!

December was a busy month. There were prayer services, field trips, receptions, pancake breakfasts, opportunities for confession, concerts, and a lot of learning going on—especially on our new Chrome Books. And now, Christmas is here and our long awaited vacation has arrived! Our Christmas Vacation is two full weeks. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018.



This week’s Christmas Concerts were a lot of fun! Ms. Tracy, Ms. Aylward, and the students are to be commended on a job well-done. Special thanks are also extended to Sr. Elise and Mrs.

Fitzgerald for leading the narration and the nativity portion of Wednesday’s concert. The students looked and sounded beautiful. Visit our Facebook page to see some great picture from both concerts.

Thank you... Our parish’s “Giving Tree” continues to be a much-needed and successful project. Mrs. Welter, Ms. Steele, and a few parish volunteers worked tirelessly to identify, procure, organize, and distribute toys and clothes to school and parish families. Thank you to all were able to donate to this worthy cause. This good work is much appreciated.

Well-done... Last Saturday’s “Breakfast with Santa,” sponsored by Abbott Klar Real Estate Group, was a huge success! We had nearly 300 people in attendance, including of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to all of the staff, parent, and student volunteers who helped make the inaugural event run so smoothly. In addition to being a lot of fun, this school/ parish

breakfast was a great opportunity for new neighborhood families to visit our school and learn about the great things happening here. The profit from the event was \$1,500. This money will go toward our stage renovation project. It seems “Breakfast with Santa” will become a school/ parish tradition!

Much Appreciated... Thank you to Mrs. Horne, Ms. Patterson, and all of our primary faculty and staff for organizing today’s “Breakfast with Santa.” Special thanks to the many parents who were present to assist. The students were very excited and truly had a great time.

Parent Prayer... This Advent Mr. and Mrs. Banga, parents of three school children, hosted parent prayer for four Friday mornings in our chapel. I am grateful for their initiative and leadership. If you’re interested in brief Morning Prayer once a week, please reach out to me or a Home & School officer. It would be great if we could keep this going throughout the year.



Sweet Treats... Student Council hosted a successful “Candy-Gram” sale this week. Ms. Foreman, Mrs. Patterson, Ms. Moore, and the students did a great job! Students loved receiving notes and candy from their families and friends. They will likely host a similar fund raiser near Valentine’s Day.

Cold Cash... Envelopes with card holder’s contact information and payment were due today. Please email me if you sold tickets and have not submitted the contact information and payment. Cards can be purchased through our website up until January 1. If using our website please write “Cold Cash” in the comment section. All proceeds go toward our stage renovation project. Thank you for your support.

On behalf of Fr. Fred, our faculty, and staff I wish you a very Merry Christmas, a restful and enjoyable Christmas Vacation, and all the best in the New Year! God bless you and yours.



Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian

Principal

