



"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:30-31

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December 8, 2017



"Full of grace!" That is the term that the archangel Gabriel used when addressing Mary, in Luke 1:28. Today we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. In the Catholic tradition, the Immaculate Conception has to do with Mary's conception (not Jesus's conception). This feast celebrates Mary being chosen to bring God's Son into world. In the creator's design Mary was born without "original sin"—she was full of grace! Although she was conceived naturally God the Father created her immaculate from the moment of her conception. The Immaculate Conception focuses on Mary's holiness as a person and eventually as the Mother of our Lord Jesus. Read Luke 1:26-38 for the full story!

Candy-Grams... Student Council will be selling Candy Cane Grams December 11th - 15th. Students may purchase peppermint candy canes for \$0.50 and flavor candy canes for \$1.00. They will be sold during the lunch periods. Please see the flyer in your child's Friday Folder.

Living Nativity... The Catholic University of America's Campus Ministry invites you to a free "Greccio," *Live Nativity*, this Sunday, December 10th at 5:30 PM. There will be Christmas carols, a brief play, and an opportunity to pet the animals (camels, sheep, goats, etc). This event will be outside St. Vincent's Chapel, located on John McCormack Road, between Millennium North and Millennium South Residence Halls. It's always a great event. I hope to see you there!

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. Space is limited and tickets are going fast. 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 were distributed today. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have questions about your child’s progress.

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!

“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.

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Please encourage your child to read for pleasure. Reading helps students increase their vocabulary, use their imagination, improve their ability to focus, and of course to learn and explore! The school is currently hosting a “Winter Reading Challenge.” Our library has a book for everyone. Your encouragement makes the difference!

Sincerely,

Michael Thomasian
Principal



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