



**“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
-John 1:14**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December 18, 2018

Wow, December was a busy month! There were prayer services, field trips, receptions, International Day, pancake breakfasts, opportunities for confession, concerts, and a lot of learning going on! We do all this while making a lot of improvements and enhancements to our school. 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 7, 2019.



Bravo... Last week’s International Day was a great success! Over fifteen countries were represented. Thank you to all of our teachers and students for working so hard. Your efforts and creativity were remarkable!

Kudos... Thank you to all who attended and/ or volunteered at our second annual “Breakfast with Santa.” Over 225 guests enjoyed pancakes, crafts, and of course, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was such a fabulous event that we’re considering hosting two sessions next December. Visit our Facebook page to enjoy some really fun pictures!

Coffee with the Principal... Please join me in Margot Hall for coffee and treats on Thursday, December 20, 7:45-8:45 AM. All parents, guardians, and grandparents are warmly invited to stop by!



Christmas Concerts... As a reminder, we will have two Christmas Concerts this year. Grades 4-8 will perform on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 PM. Students must report to their classrooms at 6:00 PM sharp. The band will also perform. PreK3-Grade 3 will perform on Thursday, December 20th at 9:00 AM. Both concerts are held in the church. Students should wear Sunday Best—no denim, sneakers, or sweatshirts. You are welcome to invite family and friends.



Thank you... Our parish’s “Giving Tree” continues to be a much-needed and successful project. Mrs. Welter 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 who were able to donate to this worthy cause. This good work is much appreciated.

Service Hours... Your family's first ten service hours must be completed by Friday, January 18th. A cash fee of \$15 may be substituted for each hour not served. Please see pages 6-7 of our handbook for our Parent Participation policy.

Tag Day... Friday is a \$2.00 Christmas tag day. Students are encouraged to wear red and green or even an "ugly Christmas sweater" just for the fun of it. All tag day funds will be gifted to Holy Family Catholic School in Hillcrest Heights, MD. Holy Family is struggling financially and could really benefit from a little help from fellow Catholic schools. Thank you for your participation.

Important!!! Friday, December 21st is a 12:30 PM dismissal day and there is NO aftercare. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019!

Time is running out!

Please return your completed envelope and payment before Friday.

"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. Purchasing more cards increases your chances to win.

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Card numbers are drawn every day during January 2019. 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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 \$25	2 \$50	3 \$75	4 \$100	5 \$25
6 \$50	7 \$75	8 \$100	9 \$25	10 \$50	11 \$75	12 \$100
13 \$25	14 \$50	15 \$75	16 \$100	17 \$25	18 \$50	19 \$75
20 \$100	21 \$25	22 \$50	23 \$75	24 \$100	25 \$25	26 \$50
27 \$75	28 \$100	29 \$25	30 \$50	31 \$500		

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

Each card costs \$20.00. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of new cafeteria tables. Cards can be purchased with cash or checks or by ordering online via our website. Contact the office with any questions or to obtain additional cards.

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



Proudly celebrating our 95th year!