

Monday, November 30, 2015

Dear All Saints Families:

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I was able to take an extended break and had a wonderful time filled with many blessings. We are now in the first week of Advent and preparing for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In order to be ready, we need to look inwards, into our hearts to see if we are really ready to welcome Christ back into our world. If Jesus returned today, how would He find your house? I know mine would be far from ideal. Taking the weeks before Christmas to prepare ourselves assures us the very best holiday season because the best way to put Christ back into Christmas is to put Him back in our hearts! Nobody can remove Christ from our hearts except ourselves. So if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, the best way to do it is to make sure Christ is in your heart. This is the entire purpose of Advent. We will be working very hard throughout all our classes and events to prepare our students' hearts. We will also be following Pope Francis as he celebrates the "Year of Mercy".

We now have three weeks of school before the Christmas break. It is critical our students stay focused to finish all the learning that must take place at the end of the second quarter. Middle school exams begin Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The schedule permits for make-up exams at the end of the following week for student absences due to illness. Please make sure your child is fully rested and on time. Coming in late for any student puts undo stress on that student as well as disrupts the class. Thank you for your consideration. To keep every family organized, here are the list of events before our Christmas break.

Events to remember are:

- Santa Shop: The week of November 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Please remind your students this is a time of giving. The purpose of this event is to allow the little ones time to purchase something for their loved ones, not just themselves.
- Late Fall Sports Pictures: Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> throughout the morning. Please remember your uniform for those students presently participating in a sport.
- High School Placement Test: Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Newman High School beginning at 7:30 A.M. (See news item on website.)
- Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation: Tuesday, December 8 at 9:30 A.M. at St. Peter – All are welcome! (This mass replaces our weekly Thursday liturgy)
- Christmas Play: Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00- 8:00 P.M. in the gym
- School-wide Reconciliation: Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 A.M.
- Middle School Christmas Dance: Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the gym
- Last Day before Christmas Holiday: Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> with half day dismissal. There will be
  - Extended School Day Care on this day until 6:00 P.M. as per our usual schedule.

\*\*\*\*\* Check with the class schedule for individual class parties. All are welcome to join a class party.

Please check your child's backpack today. The latest edition of *The Messenger* is going home. Thank you to Mr. Tim Devaney, editor, and all the contributors to this edition.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Jill Broz