



Principal's Wednesday Letter

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Prayers and Acknowledgments

We ask your continued prayers for the father of Mrs. Ramon Lorenzo, grandfather of 8th grader Luigi Lorenzo, who is recovering from a heart attack. We ask your prayers for Carl Edwards, grandfather of 2nd grader Adrianna De Santo, who is recovering from a stroke suffered two weeks ago. Carl is the girls basketball commissioner and an Athletic Board member. Both the grandfather of Luigi and the grandfather of Adrianna are growing in strength. We pray for their full recovery. We ask your continued prayers for a close friend of Mrs. Susan Barnes, mother of 8th grader Jackson Barnes, who is seriously ill.

Calling all Alumnus and Alumnae of St. Dunstan School

There will be a general meeting of all alumni on Thursday, January 24, 7:00pm in the Parish Center. The goal is to officially and formally establish an alumni association for our school and parish. Please pass the word around to people you know who are graduates. We are collating an alumni directory. Alumni may call the school or go to the Alumni webpage and give relevant information that will be placed in the directory. Thank you.

Advent Concert Thursday, December 13, 7:00pm in St. Dunstan Church

All students are expected to attend and participate in our annual Advent liturgy of song, dance, and prayer. **Students are to arrive at 6:45pm in their respective classrooms**, to be escorted by homeroom teachers to the Church. After the concert, students will be escorted back to school and be dismissed from the classroom. Students are to dress neatly and appropriately for the evening, as you would for Sunday weekly mass and an Advent celebration.

Next Monday, December 17, is a 12:35pm dismissal

If your child is going to Extended Care on this day, be sure to pack a lunch. Hot lunch will not be provided. Also, please note that our last day before break, **Friday, Dec. 21 is a 12:35pm** dismissal. There will be no Extended Care and the school office will close at 1:00pm.

Parish Youth Ministry Advent Prayer Service on Friday, December 21, 7:00pm

Our vibrant and energetic parish youth program will be sponsoring and organizing a special Advent liturgy. Everyone is welcome to participate. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following the Mass. Contact Youth Ministry Director Laura Martin-Spencer at (650) 692-4872 for more information, or if you have any questions.

Extended Care Information

- There are a lot of unclaimed items in the lost and found in both the Parish Center and the Front Office. If your child is missing any items, please check the lost and found. Any items unclaimed will be donated over the Christmas break.



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- Extended care statements have been sent out. It is your responsibility to contact Extended Care if you did not receive your statement. Remember your payments are due by the 15th. Payments received after the 15th will be charged a \$25.00 late charge.

Service Hours Report

If after you have received your service hour statement and feel there is a discrepancy, please make copies of the receipts in question and then write in detail what is missing. This should be submitted to the school office as soon as possible.

Student Council Fundraiser: Give Change to Make a Change

This is to help the following organizations: SVDP, St. Joseph's Village, C.O.R.A., and Madonna House who reach out to ensure individuals and families have the basic needs of life. Please empty your pockets, piggy banks, look under the couch, or give whatever loose change may be found, and send in to school by Tuesday, December 18.

Lunch Volunteers (HELP!)

We need more help at lunch. No experience is required. Just stop by the office at 12:00noon. Service hours will be given.

Friday Lunch Deadlines (Update)

Scheduled deadlines need to be met, particularly for Friday hot lunch orders. We had 7 turned in on Friday of last week. It makes it challenging for all involved. ***Orders are due no later than the Thursday before Friday hot lunch days.***

Barnes and Noble: Calling all Wrappers!

If you are looking for service hours and love to wrap, we are looking for people to wrap on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16 at Barnes and Noble in Tanforan Mall. Please call Amy Cecil at (650) 291-2353 if you have a couple of hours to wrap. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of new books for our Library Learning Center. Thank you.

Closing Thoughts

Please take time for solitude and prayer with your family during this Advent Season. Remember to use a comma in your life and to pause and reflect on the true meaning of the season. Note the following scripture and reflection entitled: *Prayer for Pauses*. It puts things in perspective. What is the perspective? Our perspective is keeping Christ in Christmas, as well as in each day of our lives. *Merry Christmas* is every day we live. *Be* the peace you proclaim.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Bruce Colville, Principal