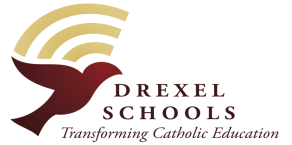




Saint Patrick School

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December 6, 2017

Dear Parents:

Happy New Liturgical Year! Last Sunday we began our new Church year with the First Sunday of Advent. We have begun this beautiful season in which we are asked to prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus. Jesus was born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, however Jesus is born in us day after day as we seek sincerely to follow his commandments of love. As a Church community we are also preparing for the Second Coming of our Lord which we know it will be in glory, but as he shared with us, no one knows the day of when this final coming will take place. What we know is that we must continue to live in the love of our Lord and of each other:

"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.."

1Corinthians 1:4-9

Let us slow down our activity to reflect and pray with our families. Let us not allow the lights, music and advertising around us, during this time of the year, distract us from the true spirit of the season of Advent.

We thank all the families who have participated in the fundraisers of cookie-dough and See's candies, and we remind you that the **cookie dough has to get picked up at the Gym/Chapel today between 2:30pm and 4pm.**

Tomorrow, **Thursday, December 7 is an early dismissal day (2pm dismissal)** and the folkloric dance group of K to 2nd grade will be practicing at the chapel. As I informed you last week on Parent Square, the **Folkloric Dancing Group will be performing on December 21 at our 10:30am Prayer Service.** The volunteer teacher, Mrs. Valtierra, has informed me that the girls need their double skirts as soon as possible to get used to their weight and to moving them as they dance. If you have any questions about the details of the clothing, please, check with Mrs. Valtierra. Any other questions, please, feel free to contact me.

Friday, December 8, at 1:30pm we will be having **our School Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception.** Ms. Flemate and the 3rd Grade class will be guiding us. Please, make sure our students wear their formal dress uniform.

Here is a list of our coming events for this month:

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am Family Mass – Mrs. Richard and 2nd Grade in charge of hospitality

Tuesday, December 19 at 1pm Christmas Concert and Art Exhibit

Thursday, December 21 at 10am Christmas Prayer Service – Ms. Delgado & Ms. Ibarra with TK/Kinder and the school choir. Mrs. Valtierra's Folkloric Dance group will be performing.

Thursday, December 21 will be a minimum day (12:30 dismissal) with No After-School Care.

Christmas Break from Friday December 22 to Sunday, January 7.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 8.

May this Advent bring you and your family peaceful and prayerful moments to welcome our Lord!

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