



# Redemptorist St. Gerard School

December 1, 2018

## Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

In order to prepare for the coming of the Christ child, we as a Catholic community celebrate the season of Advent. The word 'Advent' comes from Latin and means "coming;" its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth. It is a season that focuses on waiting. Through prayer, we can enter into God's world and ask him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. Ask the Father to use this time during Advent to cut away the distractions and make your life a place of warmth and openness in order to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth – Christmas.

All of us at Redemptorist St. Gerard want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the joy of Christ's coming fill your hearts with gladness and bring you many blessings in the new year!

Aimee Wiles, Principal



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> WFC Ice cream party  Home & School 5:30 pm	<b>5</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Field Trip "A Christmas Carol"	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> WFC Free Dress
<b>10</b> WFC picnic with the principal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Mass at 8:00 AM	<b>13</b> ELA Midterm  WFC Pickup (7:30-3:00)	<b>14</b> Math Midterm Dress Down \$2 WFC Dance WFC Pickup
<b>17</b> Science Midterm  WFC Pickup (7:30-4:30)	<b>18</b> Social Studies MidTerm Classroom Christmas Party	<b>19</b> School Christmas Program Early Dismissal 11:30 AM		

## **No School December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The school will be closed from noon on December 19th through January 2nd for Christmas Break! Students will return to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Important Events at RSG this month:**

The holiday season is upon us. We have several events in celebration of Christmas at RSG.

### **Advent Mass:**

On December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am, students will participate in our Advent mass that focuses on the feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patron saint of many Latin American countries.

### **Christmas Program:**

Our Christmas program for all grades will take place Wednesday, December 19th at 8:30 am in the gym. Parents may checkout their child at the end of the program. Please come and share the Christmas spirit.

### **Class Christmas Celebrations:**

Classes will celebrate Christmas December 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Teachers may ask parents to supply goodies for the party.

## **Report Cards for 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-Weeks**

Report cards will be sent home with students January 3rd after Christmas Break. If you have concerns about your child's academic performance, please contact the teacher or our school counselor, Ms. Oliver, to set up a conference.

## **Assessment Week for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

In order to better prepare our Middle School students for high school, we give a major assessment in our core subjects (ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science) at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. Students are required to take the exam. These assessments are part of their 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks grade. Please see the Assessment Week schedule below, and talk to your child about the importance of taking these assessments seriously. Teachers may give study guides for these tests.

Students are expected to be in attendance for each exam day. No exam will be made-up unless there is a serious illness with a doctor's note. Make up exams will be Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after school. Students are responsible for all material covered within the first semester class. A study guide and/or Content review will be given at the discretion of the teacher.

It's hard to believe that we have already completed the first half of the school year. It is important to recognize that success in school is not only measured by the calculated grade, but in fact, students need to be aware of their strengths and weaknesses for future success and development. In order to prepare students for the future (high school), these exams are an important training tool for standardized tests that come in the Spring and for their educational future. Please work with them to study and prepare adequately for these exams.

### **Mid-Term Schedule**

Date	Test	Time
Thursday, December 13	ELA	7:45-9:00 AM
Friday, December 14	Math	7:45-9:00 AM
Monday, December 17	Science	7:45-9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 18	Social Studies	7:45-9:00 AM

### **Volunteers – Service Hours Opportunity**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help create a stage for the Christmas performance. We will be meeting after school Mondays through Thursdays in December to get everything set up for our performance. We appreciate any help available. We are looking for extra-large cardboard boxes, paint, wood, etc to build a stage.

We are looking for holiday items. If you have lights, artificial Christmas trees, ornaments, or any other holiday items that you would be willing to let us borrow for our play, please send it to school with your child by Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We will return all items after the performance on Wednesday, December 19.

We are looking for a couple of parents to help out sorting the World's Finest Chocolate order on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please call the school office.

### **World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of our families that helped in selling World's Finest Chocolate this year. We were able to raise over \$5000 (which we will receive \$2500 in profit) that will go toward heater repairs and new AC units. Please see below for important dates for our sellers:

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Party for those that sold over \$50

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: Free Dress for those that sold over \$20

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: Picnic with the Principal for those that sold over \$100

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> : School Dance for those who sold over \$75  
TBA: Limo Ride for our top 3 sellers

Congratulations to our top 3 sellers: Ja'Mya Crockett, A'Miyah McClendon, and Isaiah Hawkins. Their combined efforts raised over \$1600!!

The chocolate will be available for pickup on Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-3:00pm; Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-3:00pm; and Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-4:30pm. An adult must pick up the chocolate, so please make sure that someone comes during those times to pick up the order.

### **Bus Service on Dec. 14, 17, & 18**

We are still waiting to hear from EBR transportation if we will have bus service on these dates, since EBR has early dismissal. Once we find out that information, we will pass it on to you.

### **Benefit for Mrs. Rose LeGrange's Son**

Mrs. Rose LeGrange, our bookkeeper, needs our prayers. Her son was involved in a horrific accident that has left him paralyzed. It will be many years of costly rehabilitation and medical services. Therefore, as a school community, we would like to raise money to pay for these costly medical services by hosting a few fundraisers at school.

On Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, we will host a raffle for a beautiful Saints Christmas wreath. Students may purchase a ticket for the raffle for \$1.00. The winner will be drawn on Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, students are allowed to dress down for \$2.00. Also, we will serve nachos at lunch that day for \$3.00.

Mrs. Rose has been such a valued member of the Redemptorist community. Please pray for her son's recovery and for her family as well. They have a long road of healing ahead of them.

### **No Title I Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**

Title I will resume after Christmas Break in a new format. More information to come!

### **Thank you!**

Fall Fest 2018 was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers and parents that came out to support RSG. Next year, we hope to make it even better.

# Students OF THE MONTH



**Bentley Rogers PreK**

Bentley is a hard worker. He participates in all activities and lessons during small group. He works well with others. Bentley is a joy to be around.



**Carlise Davis Kindergarten**

Carlise has a positive attitude, helps her classmates and respects herself and others. She is self-motivated and takes pride in her classwork.



**Destinee Williams 1st**

Destinee is a star student inside and outside of the Classroom. She always displays awesome behavior and works hard at her studies. She is helpful and caring to others.



**Zaiya Allen 2nd**

Zaiya is a student who strives to do her best in every subject. If she does not get the material the first time, she continues with passion and a smile on her face.



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**Kaylyn Perdencio-Sosa 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Kaylyn is a dedicated student. She is a student that does extra work. She assists her teachers in communicating with Spanish speaking students.



**Mia King 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Mia is a hardworker. She makes sure that she has her work done and asks for help to improve her work. She always does her best and puts forth extra effort.



**Alexander Bell 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Alexander is a well-spoken young man. He has a lot of wisdom that he often shares. He cares about his family and others dearly. He is passionate about saving the planet and our world.



**Kimberly Benetiz 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Kimberly has a positive outlook on life and respond to challenges with a smile on her face. Her thoughts and actions are always "I may not know or understand right now, but I will get there!"

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**Gerrick Camel 7<sup>th</sup>**

Gerrick is a well-rounded individual. He is honest and displays integrity. He is respected by both his peers and instructors.



**Guillermo Ozuna 8<sup>th</sup>**

Guillermo exemplifies provide leadership qualities. He possesses good moral character and is conscientious about the needs of others. He takes the initiative to be group leader on projects. He is a methodical thinker and respectful to his peers and authority figures.





Pajamas with a Movie







## Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Mayor's Healthy Initiative Essay Contest! These students were recognized Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at UpTown Climbing.

### **Guillermo Ozuna, Jr.**

Quote: Drinking a lot of water is good for my skin because it can prevent acne.

### **Zakiya Dorsey**

Quote: Some people don't go to the doctor as much as they are supposed to but they may face consequences in the long run.

### **Mychelle Williams**

Quote: Exercise strengthens your bones.

### **Yoshi Thompson**

Quote: Good health helps us to live a good life.

### **Sha'Lisia Paul**

Quote: The best way to maintain health is to preserve it through a healthful lifestyle, rather than waiting until we are sick to put things right.