

Redemptorist St. Gerard School Newsletter

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Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 14th, 15th, & 16th Mid-Term Exams
- ◆ December 17th-Students Christmas party.
- ◆ December 18th-A half day of school. Dismissal 11:30 a.m. NO AFTER CARE SERVICES!

Greetings,

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!

Cheryl Domino, Principal

A Christmas Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

No School December 21st through January 4th

The school will be closed on December 21st through January 4th for Christmas Break! Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 5th, 2020.



Important Events at RSG this month:

Advent Mass:

On December 4th, 11th, & 18th at 9 am, students will participate in our Advent mass.

Classroom Christmas Celebrations:

Classes will have their Christmas celebrations on Thursday, December 17th from 12:30 - 1:45 pm. Teachers may ask Parents' to supply goodies for the party.

Report Cards for 2nd Nine Weeks

Report cards will be sent home with students January 7th 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 4th -8th Grade:

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 2nd nine weeks. Students are required to take the exam. These assessments are part of their 2nd 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 Wednesday, December 16th. 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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, December 14	ELA	:45-9:00 AM
Monday, December 14	Math	9:30-10:45 AM
Tuesday, December 15	Science	7:45-9:00 AM
Tuesday, December 15	Social Studies	9:30-10:45 AM
Wednesday, December 16	All make-ups	7:45 - 10:45 AM

