

# Redemptorist St. Gerard School Newsletter

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Greetings,

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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 God 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

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 12/2 - Claire Willis, Asst. Superintendent to visit
- ◆ 12/6 - Feast of St. Nicholas
- ◆ 12/7 - Dr. Patricia Davis, Superintendent to visit
- ◆ 12/8 - Christmas Pictures- All Grades-Christmas Attire
- ◆ 12/12 - 12/14 Mid-term exams - middle school. Grades due 12/16.
- ◆ 12/15 Christmas Program @ 12:30 in the church.
- ◆ 12/16 - Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip - Movie
- ◆ 12/19 - Christmas Parties - 12:30-1:45 - PK4 - 4<sup>th</sup> in classroom. 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in gym.
- ◆ 12/20 - Half Day - Dismissal @ 11:30 - No aftercare service. Faculty Christmas Gathering @ 12:30



## 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 – January 3rd

### Winter Break



Staff will return on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> for staff development

Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

## IMPORTANT EVENTS!!!

### Advent Mass:

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am students will participate in our Advent mass.

### Classroom Christmas Celebrations:

Classes will have their Christmas celebrations on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Teachers may ask parents to supply goodies for the party.



## Mid-Term Assessment Week for 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - December 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	ELA	7:45 - 9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Math	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Science	7:45 - 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Social Studies	9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Thursday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Make Up Day	

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 above 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 Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

### REPORT CARDS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> NINE WEEKS:

Report cards will be emailed on January 4, 2023. 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.



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