



December 11, 2018

Principal's Pen

With just two weeks of school left before Christmas break, I wish to say thanks for encouraging our students to finish well. Our 7 - 12 grade students are making final preparations for upcoming exams, while many of the elementary students are excited about the end of the semester Star Point Party on Thursday, December 20.

Please don't miss our annual Christmas concert this Friday at 7:00 p.m. You will enjoy this relaxing time! Also, please come prepared for a special offering that will be taken for our teachers.

Tuesday of next week features a fine arts in-house competition for grades 7 - 12. This event is used to determine which students will advance to fine arts competition in the spring. Then, Wednesday through Friday the high school students will be taking their end of semester exams.

We have a ninth grade student from Korea who is scheduled to start with us in January, but needs a host home. Can you help? Since he will be here soon, please let our office know if you are able to host him.

Have a great week.

Dr. C

Important Calendar Events This Week:

- Dec. 10:** Basketball home MSG 4:00 p.m.; MSB 5:00 p.m.; VG 6:00 p.m.; JVB 7:20 p.m.
- Dec. 11:** Basketball away at King's Way JVG 4:00 p.m.; JVB 5:00 p.m.; VG 6:00 p.m.; VB 7:30; DT 2:00 p.m.; RT 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13:** Faculty/Staff Event
- Dec. 14:** Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17:** Basketball home MSG 4:00 p.m.; MSB 5:00 p.m.; VG 6:15 p.m.; VB 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18** Fine Arts In-House Competition



Teacher Appreciation Offering

A special offering to be divided among our teachers to show our love and appreciation for them will be taken at the Christmas program, Friday, December 14. Be thinking of what you can contribute to show your appreciation for all they do.

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Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM)

Mark your calendars for this month's meetings, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

1st Grade - December 4; 2nd Grade - December 6; 3rd-4th Grade - December 11

5th Grade - December 13; 6th Grade - December 18



Christmas Program

Our annual Christmas program is only a few days away! You and your family are invited to join us Friday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., for "Everywhere Christmas Tonight." Our elementary and high school bands and choirs will share uplifting music and Christmas customs from cultures around the world.

Program Dress:

K - 3rd Grade Boys - Christmas sweater or dress shirt and tie, dress pants (uniform OK), dark socks, dark shoes

4th - 6th Grade Boys - Dress shirt and tie, dress pants (uniform OK), dark socks, dark shoes (no athletic shoes)

K - 6th Grade Girls - Dressy Christmas dress or skirt/top (not sleeveless or form-fitting, length to bottom of the knee), socks/tights/hose, dress shoes

7th - 12th Grade Boys - Black suit coat with slacks, black socks, black dress shoes, (GACS shirt and GACS tie provided)

7th - 12th Grade Girls - Black dress shoes (flats), black knee high hose, (GACS dress provided)

Ball games

We love having as many people as possible supporting our athletes as they play basketball. With that in mind, here are a few guidelines we ask parents to follow regarding their children.

Parents, please remember that once you are on campus for games, it is your job to supervise your children. They do not have to be by your side, but they need to follow school rules as far as where they are on campus. If they are not going to watch the games, the only place they can be is in the lighted area between the church and school. They may not be in the parking lot, on the ball fields, on the school playground or playground equipment, in the school building, or in dark areas. We have had students playing hide and seek in the parking lot and hiding under cars, which is not only unwise but also unsafe. Thanks for your instruction to your children and also for your knowing what your children are doing and where they are on campus.

7 - 12 Dismissal

There are only two parking options while you wait for your child, the car line, or, if you arrive early, backing into the parking spaces directly next to the church building so your child can approach your vehicle on the sidewalk. I was noticing several parents making up their own parking pattern which is both unsafe and disorganized. Drivers, please make sure you are alert enough to pull up and not leave large gaps between vehicles. If your child is slow in arriving, pull up and back into the open spaces by the church so that pickup will be easier for those children who are ready to go. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.