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Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving vacation with your families. As Jesus told us to "feed the hungry", we were able to do that with the many truckloads of food we collected. It was distributed between the Poverello House and Catholic Charities. Along with Fr. Rob, I thank everyone who made a difference in someone's Thanksgiving by their generous donations. We now enter the season of Advent and look forward to preparing our children for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Calendar Reminders - Mark your calendars with these important dates:

Dec. 2 nd	No School
Dec. 3 rd	Fall Sports 'N More Awards
Dec. 8 th	Mass of the Immaculate Conception at 9:15am
Dec. 9 th	Make-up Photos with Premiere Studios
Dec. 15 th	Christmas Program for grades 2,4,6,8 @ 7:00pm
Dec. 17 th	Christmas Program for grades 3,5,7,8 @ 7:00pm
Dec. 18 th	Christmas Program for grades K and 1st @ 11:00am Minimum Day - Dismissal at 12:30pm - <u>NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE</u>
Dec. 22 nd	Office Open 9:00 -1:00
Dec. 30 th	Office Open 9:00 -1:00
Jan. 4 th	No School – Math curriculum day.
Jan. 5 th	School Resumes

Coat and Used Shoe Drive – Do you have coats, jackets, or heavy sweatshirts from last year that don't fit anymore? If so, the SAINTS club (Saint Anthony's In to Service) is collecting lightly used and new coats, jackets, and heavy sweatshirts for the **Catholic Charities Coat Drive and Shoes for the Needy**. Please bring coats and jackets by December 11th and place them in one of the bins around campus, and we will be collecting shoes through December 18th. Thanks for being *Faithfilled Catholics who respond compassionately to the needs of others*. See flier in this packet for information on the Shoe Drive.

Tuition Envelopes – as well as the AEP envelopes will be found in today's packet. Please remember that tuition is a 12 month program which runs from June through May.

6th Annual Nativity Raffle – Mrs. Gennock's 2nd grade is back at it this Advent season with chances to win one of ten beautiful Nativity Sets. They are on display in the school office. The raffle will run the first 2 weeks of Advent. **Tickets are \$1 each, \$10 buys you 12 chances and \$20 buys you 25 chances! All proceeds will be added to our recycle money to benefit the Holy Cross Women's Shelter.** There is an envelope in the office marked "Nativity". You can simply order tickets by sending in a check (made payable to SAS) or cash with your name and phone number or stop by the table outside the office during the first two weeks of advent. Please support this very worthy cause!

Essentials SAS Shopping Day – Please start your Christmas shopping at **Essentials in Pavillion West Shopping Center (Bullard & West)** this **Saturday, December 5th**. They will donate 10% of their sales purchase to SAS and in addition, you will get a free Brighton charm! Please download the flier available online to receive your free charm. We extend a BIG thank you to Essentials for donating to our Scrip Program! Please support all of the businesses that support us!

Fall Academic and Sports Awards – Don't forget that **Thursday, December 3rd**, is the annual Fall Academic and Sports Awards. **The awards will be held in the New Gym at 10:30 for grades 4-8 and 1:15 for grades 1-3.** Please note: Kindergarten players will receive their awards from their

teachers in their classrooms. Coaches are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to bring a list to confirm their team members.

Desserts Wanted! – The Right to Life Auction dinner will be held this Friday, December 4th and they are currently looking for donations of desserts to auction off that evening. The desserts can be homemade or purchased. If you are interested in donating, please call **Mrs. Debbie Martin** at 431-3349.

Christmas Vacation Office Hours – Just to remind you of the school’s office hours during the Christmas vacation:

Friday, December 18th **Office closes at 12:30 - NO Afterschool Enrichment**
Tuesday, December 22nd **9:00 – 1:00 (Shop with Scrip!)**
Wednesday, December 30th **9:00 – 1:00 New Year’s shopping! Buy Scrip!**

During this holy season of love and joy we pray for patience as this is also a very busy season. The best present that we can give to Jesus is the gift of kindness to our fellow students here at St. Anthony’s. We ask for kindness and respect to others and to remember the reason for the season.

Always in Christ,



Tim McConnico
Principal

School Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:00 to 4:00
Wednesday & Friday
8:00 to 3:30
Minimum Days 8:00 to 2:00

