



Dear Parents and Guardians,

January 8, 2021

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope that you and your family enjoyed Christmas Break and are ready to continue virtual learning. The Board of Directors of the Consortium, in consultation with our President, Vincent Spadoni, are making the final determination regarding the possible reopening of school buildings on January 21, 2020. A final decision will be made by early next week.

The violence that occurred at the U. S. Capitol was an attack on democracy that left many Americans feeling angry, scared, and confused. In a statement Cardinal Gregory said,

“Our United States Capitol is sacred ground and a place where people over the past centuries have rightly demonstrated, representing a wide variety of opinions. We Americans should honor the place where our nation’s laws and policies are debated and decided. We should feel violated when the legacy of freedom enshrined in that building is disrespected and desecrated.”

Together, we must continue to promote respectful dialog and uphold the common values that make our nation such a beautiful country. Let us continue to pray for peace, courage, and wisdom as we work for justice for all.

Below are some resources to help parents and teachers talk to their children about the recent attacks on the U.S. Capitol.

<https://beyondthestoplight.com/2021/01/06/resources-for-teachers-on-the-days-after-the-attack-on-the-u-s-capitol/>

<https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/new-from-nea/talking-kids-about-attack-capitol>

<https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources/current-events/responding-insurrection-us-capitol>

<https://teachmama.com/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-violence-in-dc/>

[https://www.npr.org/sections/congress-electoral-college-tally-live-updates/2021/01/07/954415771/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-the-riots-at-the-u-s-capitol?utm\\_source=hootsuite&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=organic&fbclid=IwAR0WFXO3bag7mNmKqZaggHEXRx-1pXkGiiStshZmtkaq6tON97VfwJ270DM](https://www.npr.org/sections/congress-electoral-college-tally-live-updates/2021/01/07/954415771/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-the-riots-at-the-u-s-capitol?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=organic&fbclid=IwAR0WFXO3bag7mNmKqZaggHEXRx-1pXkGiiStshZmtkaq6tON97VfwJ270DM)

*Thank you...* Thank you to everyone who donated on Giving Tuesday or supported our “Be the Light” campaign, and/ or participated in the Cold Cash fund raiser. Your generosity and kindness are appreciated. Many thanks are also extended to our parish, Our Lady of Victory Parish and School, and the Eager Family for their generosity and friendship during the Christmas Season.

*Scantron Testing...* The Mid-Year Scantron Performance testing schedule for grades 2-8 is below. Grade 1 will not test at this time. All testing will be online and proctored by your child's teacher or another staff member. The results will be distributed in the Friday pickup folders in February when all testing is complete. The testing times will be announced by your child's teacher. Please ensure that your child is on time, well rested, and eats a healthy breakfast on testing days. Your child's teachers work hard to ensure optimal student performance. Your assistance is appreciated.

Grade	Reading/LA Scantron	Math Scantron
2	Tuesday, January 12	Thursday, January 14
3	Tuesday, January 19	Thursday, January 21
4	Monday, January 11 & Tuesday, January 12	Monday, January 25 & Tuesday, January 26
5	Wednesday, January 20	Thursday, January 21
6	Wednesday, January 13	Thursday, January 14
7	Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday, January 20
8	Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday, January 20

*Kudos...* Many thanks are extended to Ms. Tracy, the Media Club, and to all of the students who contributed to our virtual Christmas Concert. Well-done! We should all be proud of their talent and hard work!

*Congratulations, 2021 Cold Cash Winners!*

1. Sherri Kum (#779)
2. Charmaine Wilson (#189)
3. Sean Felix (#345)
4. Kaleb Musgrove (#405)
5. Prisha Francis (#567)
6. Leoul Kassa (#388)
7. Alison McIntyre (#816)
8. Stephanie Carter (#1070)



*Principal Chats...* Join me on Zoom every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 AM and 12:00-12:30 PM. The same link will be used each week. All are welcome.

*Reminder!* Friday Exchange is an opportunity for families to pick up packets and/ or materials for the next week's distance learning. This is also an opportunity for families to drop off materials, assignments, etc. The hours are 8:00-10:00 AM and 2:00-4:00 PM. Tables are set up in the cafeteria.

*Cardinal Visiting...* Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the parish's 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 24. All are invited to attend.

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*Please review student expectations with your child(ren).*

- ✓ Identify a comfortable, quiet space with an internet connection where you can work effectively and successfully.
- ✓ Students should keep their cameras on and only use their proper name when identifying themselves (no nicknames).
- ✓ Students should dress appropriately either in the uniform or follow tag day guidelines.
- ✓ Students should be seated at a desk or other writing surface.
- ✓ Students should come to class with all of the necessary textbooks, workbooks, notebooks, writing utensils, and other necessary materials.
- ✓ Student's behavior should align with St. Anthony's code of conduct as stated in the handbook.
- ✓ Please minimize distractions while online. Students should not eat while in class or open up any windows, applications, or games without the teacher's permission.
- ✓ Complete assignments with integrity and academic honesty, doing your best work.
- ✓ 3rd – 8th graders should proactively message teachers on Google Classroom with questions or if the assignments are unclear.
- ✓ All assignments must be submitted on time for full credit.

*Looking Ahead*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday  
Monday, January 18- No School

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends  
Friday, January 22

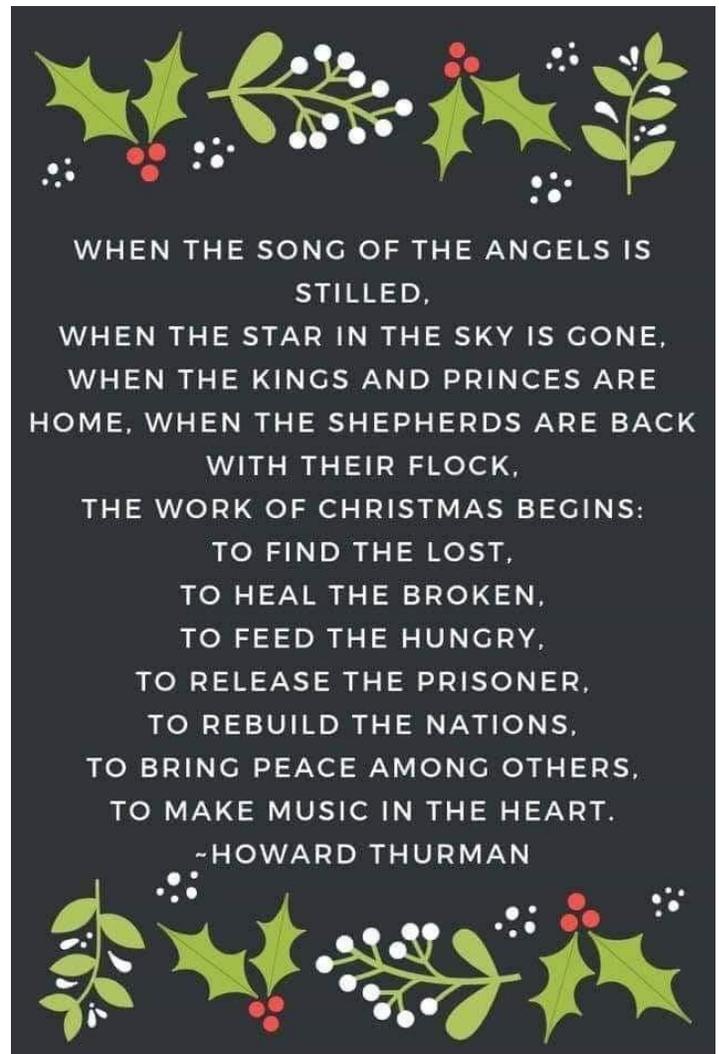
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Begins  
Monday, January 25

Report Cards Emailed Home  
Friday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week  
January 31- February 5

Again, I wish all of you a safe, healthy, and happy new year! Know you are in my prayers.

God bless you.  
Mr. Thomasian



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