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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

January 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of The Academy at Saint Mary, I would like to express our overwhelming gratitude to you for your generosity to us during the Christmas season.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the PTO Executive Board, class mothers, and volunteer parents for all their help with our December fundraisers. We are equally very grateful to the Ford and Alessi families for organizing our “Bagels with Santa” event.

The Academy’s Christmas Concert. Thank you to all our teachers who worked together in rehearsing with their students while also focusing on the many details that went with all the preparations for the concert. Special thanks to our music teacher, **Mrs. Maritza Alvarez**, for her tireless efforts in teaching our students all the beautiful songs they sang that evening.

Additional dates to be included in the January calendar:

- **January 17th, Friday – Early Dismissal**
- **January 21st – 24th – Middle School Exams (Half-Days for Grades 6-8)**

Celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It will take place during the week of January 26th – January 31st. You are all invited to the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, January 26th at Saint Mary’s Church where students, parents, and friends of the Academy gather together for an Opening Mass for the week’s celebration. After that, there will be an Open House at the Academy from 1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bring your families and friends to take a tour of our school. The theme for this year is **“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service”**.

2020 -2021 Registration. Details for registration will be announced after Catholic Schools Week.

Revision in the Preliminary Calendar. The Iowa Assessment for Grades 2-8, March 2-6 is canceled. We have replaced Iowa Assessment with Map Growth which we do every semester for Grades 2-8.

The Scholarship for Inner City Children (SFIC) applications for 2020-2021 school year will be available on the www.sficnj.org website beginning February 1st. All applications will be done on-line.

May the Infant Jesus bless you and keep you in His loving care. May Peace, Joy, Hope, and Happiness be yours throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,
Miss Ana Maria Castaneda
Principal

