

News You Can Use from the Principal



December 4, 2017

Happy Advent! We're deep into the holiday season and heading quickly toward exams and Christmas break. It's an exciting time of year when people make an extra effort to be kind and help others. We have an angel tree with names going up this week. Remind your student to pick an angel off the tree to help someone who has less than we do.

- Our last early release Wednesday for this semester is this week, December 6.
- Mass this week is Friday instead of Thursday to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Regular uniform is the attire for the day.
- *Gifts of the Season* is Friday night at 7 and Sunday at 2. It's a fabulous event that really kicks off the feel of Christmas. Please come out and see the great things going on in our Fine Arts Department. Tickets are \$10.
- The weather is expected to turn significantly colder at the end of the week. It's supposed to actually feel like winter! Heads up: only St. Joe sweatshirts, jackets and coats may be worn 7:55-3:00.
- I mustache you a favor! Please remind your boys that No Shave November is over. Gentlemen should be clean shaven every day. No chin scruff but a groomed mustache is allowed.
- Service Hours: the first half should be submitted **and** verified by this Friday, December 8. Check x2vol to make sure everything is in correctly.
- Exams begin on December 15. Check the exam schedule [online](#). All students are required to sit for their exams on the scheduled exam day unless a doctor's excuse is provided. All fees / fines must be paid in order to take exams, and all tuition payments must be current. There are no exam exemptions except for seniors in single semester classes who have a semester average of an **A** and 3 or less of each of the following unexcused: tardies, dismissals, absences.
- Middle School Exams: since there is no A period exam for Middle School, the G period exam has been moved to Tuesday's A period slot so they will not have an exam Wednesday morning.
- During exams, if a student is exempt from an exam, they do not have to report to school during that exam period. For example, Joe Bob is exempt from C period Tuesday, but he has an exam A. He can report to his A period at the beginning of the 2nd study hall at 10:10. Go straight to class. Teachers will take attendance. Students may not leave in the middle of a class period. Study hall is considered the beginning of the class period. Failure to attend an entire exam period may result in failing the exam.

God bless,
Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT OUTS

- Cheerleaders placed 3rd in their first run at the UCA competition in the Non-Tumbling Division. That win garnered them a bid to the national competition in Florida in February. Congratulations, girls!
- Varsity Boys Soccer is undefeated!! How fabulous is that! Go Bruins!
- Band and choir played for St. Richard students this morning, and the reviews were awesome. Our future Bruins are seeing what they can do when they get here.
- Bruin basketball is playing 12/30 at the Smoothie King Arena after the Pelicans-Knicks game. Click [here](#) for the form to reserve your spot to watch the team play! Hotel rooms are scarce so book now.