



December 2, 2019

Dear Parents,

The feedback from the new conference date has been positive. We have heard that many of you appreciate having the opportunity to work with your child and his/her progress prior to the end of the Trimester. Thank you for sharing. Progress reports will be distributed next Monday, December 9th. Although we have had conferences already, you may request another conference anytime during the school year.

Speaking of sharing, the amount of food donated to the Church's St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving and Christmas food pantries was truly amazing. So many needy families will be able to enjoy a holiday dinner thanks to your generosity.

Grandparents' Day was again a great success. We don't know who enjoys it more, the grandparents/special guests or the children. Smiles abounded last Monday. A big thank you goes out again to Archbishop Curley High School. The use of their vans and drivers ensured safety for all visitors. This was especially appreciated since we were limited in use of the St. John's lot due to their parent event.

Thank you to all who have completed the survey sent by the Archdiocese via JHU. When received, the data will be shared with the School Board.

This Wednesday, we will be administering the High School Placement Test at St. Ursula for our registered eighth grade students. This will eliminate students from testing on Saturdays in December at a Catholic high school in the area. Our students will be in the academic setting known to them and have the test administered by their own teachers. Please say a prayer for all of them on Wednesday.

As stated in a previous e-blast, all families who agreed to service hours should have completed 10 hours by the end of November. Within the next few weeks, bills may be sent to those who still owe hours. The other 15 hours must be completed by April 30, 2020.

With the start of the new calendar year, many of you may be buying new school uniforms or shoes. Prior to any purchase, refer to the handbook pages 31-34. Sperry shoes are not to be worn in grades K-2, only navy pants may be worn in grades K-5, and socks must be white or navy and cover the ankle with no logos. These are just a few of the most prevalent uniform violations notes to date.

Special school dates to note are:

<i>December 9</i>	<i>Progress reports go home</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Christmas Special lunch</i>
<i>December 16</i>	<i>6:30 Christmas Concert and Art Show</i>
<i>December 20</i>	<i>12:10 Dismissal for the Christmas break and NO Extended Day</i>
<i>January 2</i>	<i>School reopens</i>

Our sympathies go out to Father Carrion's family and the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish and school community.

As we approach the blessed Christmas season, take a moment and reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed on you and your family. I will be remembering all of you at Mass on Christmas Eve.

Blessed Christmas,

Debbie Glinowiecki
Principal