



Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Dear Parents,

During the Christmas season, the Church celebrates the season of Advent with hope and love. The Advent season is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of Jesus at Christmas, and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. We pray that you and your family are counting your many blessings, and rejoicing in our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

As the calendar year comes to an end, we would like to thank you for a great semester! We have made significant academic progress with the ACT and State Testing. The LA State Test - SCI score has increased 13 points. Also, ACT scores have advanced between 4-6 points this semester. Thanks to the faculty and staff who served our students by providing consistent tutoring. Tutoring works!

We are excited about our academic performance during the fall semester. We have 50 students on the President, Principal, and Merit Roll. Congratulations! The recent successes would not have been possible without the support of committed teachers and parents. Parental support is essential to student's success. We appreciate your encouraging words, which ignited students to strive for academic excellence.

As we plan for final exams, report card conference, and SACS accreditation, we must uphold the academic standards established during the first semester. We will resume tutoring in January 2019, and continue our plans for academic progression. As we prepare for the SACS Review, scheduled for February 2019, we expect to improve our academic curriculum and classroom environment even further.

Tuition and fees **MUST** be paid before students will be allowed to take their semester exams. The testing schedule is outlined on the calendar. The last day for exams is Friday, December 21, 2018.

Please be advised that the cafeteria will stop accepting cash payments beginning January 1, 2019; see the attached letter for additional details.

The regular school schedule will resume Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:30 am. Please ensure students report on time and in the appropriate uniform attire. Students may enter the building for breakfast at 7:00 am on the return day in January 2019. We pray that your Christmas and New Year are happy, safe and full of Joy!

Sincerely,

Jacob J. Owens, Jr.
Principal

Living the Catholic Identity within a respectful culture that produces caring, confident, and competent 21st Century Leaders.

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