

Dear Holy Rosary School Families,

### UPDATE

\*CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION and OPEN HOUSE Please join us on December 22 between 9am and 11:30am for our *Christmas Concert and Open House*. Students will work on special activities, perform a few joyous songs in their classroom, and have a Celebration with their classmates. Families are invited to join us that day in person, or virtually, as we prepare to welcome our Savior on Christmas Day!

\* As we enter this season of Advent, our schoolwide focus these next few weeks is on “preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus”. During morning prayers, in Religion class and throughout the day, children will reflect on how to make our hearts ready for the coming of our Lord on Christmas day by sharing God’s love with all. Please join us during this Advent season by talking with your children at home on ways to be messengers of Christ - bringing His love each day to all we meet.

### DECEMBER DATES

- \*12/19 Midterm study guides/outlines and exam schedules distributed to grades 3-8
- \*12/21 Virtual Field Trip day for all Grades PreK – 8
- \*12/22 Virtual Christmas Show/Open House Zoom for all grades
- \*12/22 12pm Dismissal – Christmas Vacation begins (school resumes 1/3/23)

### REMINDERS

\***WINTER UNIFORMS:** As of 11/30/22, all students must wear their full winter uniform to school each day; sneakers and gym uniforms may only be worn on gym days or club days (please see our handbook for specific details). Teachers will send home a notification reminder if your child is out of uniform so please help ensure your child is in the correct uniform each day.

\***KEEPING IN CONTACT:** Are you checking Dojo daily for messages from the school and your child’s teacher? Do you review Google Classroom every day to check your child’s progress? Have you logged into Educate to see how your child is performing on assessments? In our digital world it is no longer checking a notebook or signing test papers in a folder (like when we grew up!) to monitor progress. We have several digital platforms to keep you updated on progress and allow you the opportunity to help your child achieve grade level standards. Communication is vital in all areas of our life and especially in our school community. If you ever have any questions while reviewing these platforms, please always reach out to your child’s teacher at any time. You may email or call, but Dojo is the quickest way to touch base to have a question answered, or to setup a time for a conference. If you have any concerns or questions, please always feel free to send a Dojo message to me as well or to call the office.

\*The cooler weather has finally arrived! Please remember that during the cold weather, we do have outdoor time both in the morning and at lunch time. Students should be sure to have their coats and sweaters with them so that are comfortable during recess. On extremely cold weather

days or inclement weather (rain/snow) students will remain inside during recess. I try to limit this time inside as we know that students focus and learn best when they have adequate time to move around and relieve some their excess energy.

#### VALUE OF THE MONTH

\*Our value for the month of December: **Peace**

**Peace** is a sign of the love that comes from God. We demonstrate **Peace** by respecting all people and sharing God's love with everyone we meet each day. Being peacemakers helps us to make good choices and to be tolerant with each other. "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

This value is being observed by all schools in the Arch and will be incorporated into our daily lessons throughout the month. Please join us in emphasizing this at home as well with your child so that together we help our students develop the virtue of **PEACE** and becoming Peacemakers of our Lord.

Stay well and God Bless,  
Mrs. Fusco

