

The Advent Virus

Anonymous via email

WARNING.....WARNING: ADVENT VIRUS



Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- A loss of interest in judging other people or interpreting their actions.
- A loss of interest in fighting and in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

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+Dear St. Cecilia School Community, December 2, 2022

As I write this, we are almost finished the first week of Advent. I received this reflection many years ago and I used it in previous emails to families. I don't think that I used it at St. Cecilia. I think I wanted to avoid the word **virus** 😊. When we recall how quickly viruses, colds, flus, and other illnesses spread, perhaps we can appreciate how it would be good to spread an Advent Virus! We don't want to contain this virus! We want to spread the hope, peace, joy, and love.

May you be filled with the Advent virus! May it spread to your families and friends, to your neighbors and co-workers! May you have a blessed Advent!

Have a wonderful weekend! Don't forget to check out the Weekly Update from Fr. Chris. Please go to:

<https://stceciliafc.org/documents/2022/11/November%2030%202022.pdf>

God bless you,
Sister Catherine

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We have quite a few flyers/announcements with this Weekly Word. Please look for them in your email and on the school website. These are the things to look for:

- **Sign-up Genius for Santa Secret Shop – volunteers needed on 12/5, 12/6, and 12/7**
The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAF28A1FFC43-secret>
- **Secret Santa Schedule**
- **St. Cecilia School Swag – to be purchased by 12/7 to guarantee delivery by Christmas – on website**
- **Lunch with Santa Flyer (12/11) – flyer was also sent home**
- **Toys for Tots Collection**
- **Strings Concert on December 14 and how to purchase tickets**

Looking Ahead:

December 2	First Trimester ends
December 3	First Reconciliation for Grade 2, 9:30 a.m. in Church
December 5	Beginning of Second Trimester; Set up for the Santa Secret Shop – Auditorium
December 6 – 7	Santa Secret Shop – Auditorium
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Holyday of Obligation: NO SCHOOL Sisters of IHM will renew their vows during the 8:30 a.m. Mass
December 9	Report cards
December 11	Lunch with Santa
December 12	School Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. for Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 14	Strings' Concert in the Evening in the Auditorium (Please note the new date)
December 15	Christmas Band Concert - 7 p.m. – Auditorium (Please note the new date)
December 16	Christmas Buddy Day
December 19	Christmas Pageant for Families: 7:00 p.m. - Church
December 20	Kindergarten Christmas Play Pre-K Christmas Celebration – Auditorium
December 21	Archdiocese of Philadelphia Christmas Party-SERVICE COMMISSION attends/helps
December 22	Christmas Pageant & Grade 8 Tableau; All Students attend at 1:00 p.m. Christmas Vacation begins@ Dismissal-FULL DAY OF SCHOOL-NO CARES today Faculty Christmas Celebration after school Auditorium Faculty Meeting (if necessary)
December 23	
December 25	Merry Christmas!
December 26 – 30	Christmas Vacation: Enjoy these days with your families and friends!
January 3	Classes Resume!

Reminders:

- We thank you for keeping your children home if they are not feeling good. Today, we returned to our normal absence rate. Before Thanksgiving, we had over 125 people absent. I just remind you that if your children are sick, they need to stay home. All students, faculty, and staff must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning. Thank you!
- Sneakers are only worn to school on gym days with the gym uniforms. There are also Nike and other sports socks being worn instead of knee socks. Please help us by making sure that your children are following all parts of our dress code. Thank you!
- We are seeing an increase of students not having everything they need for lunch. That means that they should have napkins and utensils in their lunch boxes. If your child brings a lunch, then he or she should also have a drink with it. Please remember as well that EVERY CHILD in St. Cecilia School is entitled to both a FREE breakfast and a FREE lunch. Thank you!
- We finished the 1st Trimester today! Can you believe it? While report cards should be posted on Friday, 12/9, we might need an extra day or two since so many students have been absent. We will email you when the report cards are ready. In the meantime, if you have never used Option C, please let us know so that you can receive your log-in information. Thank you!

Change in the Calendar IN JANUARY: As you might remember from the beginning of the year and from seeing it on the calendar, St. Cecilia School is working on their Middle States Re-Accreditation. We meet regularly before and after school and we are scheduled to meet as a faculty on December 23. Nevertheless, we still have a lot of work to do. As a result, we will need to have a full-day faculty meeting in January. **THEREFORE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 WILL BE A FULL-DAY FACULTY MEETING AND NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. PLEASE MAKE THIS CHANGE TO ALL OF YOUR FAMILY CALENDARS AS WELL. (THIS IS THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY.)**