



Visitation Academy
Weekly Newsletter
January 4, 2023



Dear Visitation Parents/ Guardians,

Happy New Year!!! I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas filled with the love and the peace of Jesus, our Savior. Christmas break is a period where we can recharge and renew both physically and spiritually. The New Year also allows us to start fresh in our own lives and with our relationships with others in our communities. A time to resolve and allow us to grow in the ability to see the presence of God that dwells in each and every person we meet.

Today was the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We thank this very holy man for his service to the church and for the wisdom he has shared in his many books and Encyclicals which will help us get closer to our Lord. Pope Benedict's last words..... Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Benedict's personal secretary, told Vatican News, "With just a whisper of a voice, but in a clearly distinguishable manner, [Benedict] said in Italian, 'Lord, I love you!'

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, thank you for a New Year.
In this New Year make me stronger in faith.
Nurture in my soul a hunger for the truth, a thirst for the holy, a desire for wisdom.
Help me settle for nothing less than what comes from your heart, Lord,
To mend and heal my own.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.
We know that you are always ready to forgive us.
Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.
Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do.
Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past,
So that we might live in peace with You now, one day at a time. (Loyola Press, 2021)

Notable Items This Week:

All PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS had to be placed by January 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Torres at jpat0803@gmail.com.

MAP Growth Winter Testing will be administered January 17-20 from 8:45 am-10:00 am to all students in grades 2-8. Students in grades 2-8 will be tested in Reading, Math, and Language. Additionally, students in grades 3-7 will be tested in Science. Testing begins promptly at 8:45 am. Please be sure that your child arrives at school well-rested and on time.

Donna Monticello
Technology Integrator

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching, the week of January 29th to February 3rd. National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States (Now entering its 48th anniversary year).

Catholic Schools Week is typically a fun week filled with student and family activities, and community outreach opportunities. Visitation Academy is planning to hold community outreach projects and numerous educational/fun activities! More detailed information will follow.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th - We will “kick off” Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Mass together at Our Lady of the Visitation Church at 12pm. Mass will be followed by our Open House. A short presentation will be given at 1pm. All are invited. Please “Spread the Word!” Open House will end at 3pm.

We will also be holding an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, February 15th 10am-2pm.

Come and see...Why Visitation Academy?!

- First and foremost, Visitation Academy is a community of faith. We start each day with prayer and attend mass together once a week. Throughout the year, faith continues to be molded as we hold special prayer services and participate in Catholic devotions such as praying the rosary.
- The importance of service is instilled in our students through various food and toy drives in addition to praying for people suffering. At Visitation we know we are part of a bigger family. When one of us is suffering or is in need of prayers we know that the entire school community will be there to pray for us and give support in any way possible.
- Academics at Visitation is second to none! We are a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and Middle States Accredited. Our belief is that by infusing the Archdiocesan curriculum with technology and cooperative lessons in our classrooms, we will help prepare our students for the challenges that lie ahead of them.
- Our Early Childhood Center is equipped with State of the Art security, a fenced in play area, a break out room for dance and play time, NJ State Certified ECC Teachers and a technology room enabling hands on technology instruction.



REMEMBER TO PURCHASE TUITION RAFFLE TICKETS! TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM OUR WEBSITE OR CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK! THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$4995.00 TOWARD TUITION AT VISITATION ACADEMY OR ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE! SPREAD THE WORD! Tickets can be purchased up to 02/01/23.

Chess Wizards has been canceled due to lack of interest. The Zineniac program is still accepting registrations. Please check flier below if you are interested ASAP.

I am always available by phone during school hours at 201-262-6067 or email at principal@visitationacademyparamus.org, and I will promptly respond to your questions or concerns.

Let us continue to work and pray as a family...
Mrs. Drew

6th and 7th grade enjoying a Christmas party. The 6th and 7th grade hosted a party for kindergarten and 1st grade. Crafts and games were enjoyed by all



Winners of the Ugly Christmas Sweater



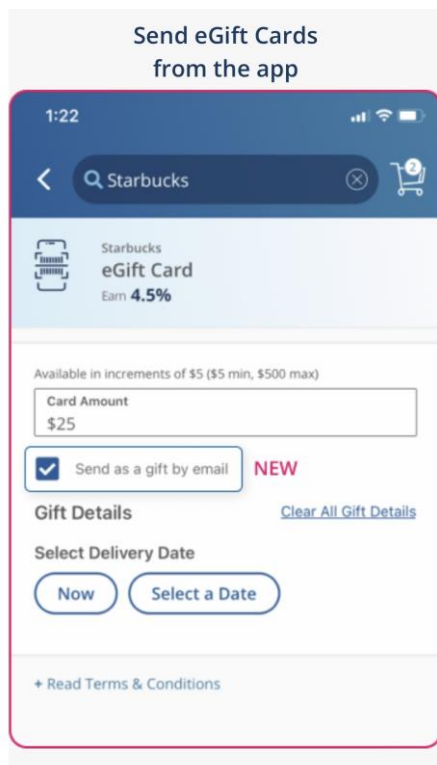
Grade 6 enjoyed making Ice Cream Glaciers during Science Lab!



Grade 7 Students used the Snap Circuit Explore Coding kit to build a light switch circuit. Each group member took turns as builder, quality control engineer and tester to connect the snap-on resistors, wires, diodes, LEDs and controller to the circuit board, according to the plan. Once the light circuit was completed, each group tested their project. If students encountered issues, they worked together to troubleshoot, correct, and make modifications. Then they connected their circuits via Bluetooth using the iPad app to control the lights at different intervals. Some students added enhancements to their circuits.



Raise right



1. "Send as a gift by email" feature for eGift cards is now available on the mobile app

Now you can send eGift cards as a gift on the mobile app, in addition to RaiseRight.com. Simply select a brand and eGift card denomination, then check the "Send as a gift by email" box. Fill out the Gift Details section—choose instant delivery or schedule it to send at a later date, provide the recipient's name and email address, then add to cart and checkout. The recipient will get an email with a link to view, print, or screenshot their eGift card.

2. Purchases via Bank account fee is going up from .15 cents per order to .29 cents per order.

Do you have unwanted Christmas presents cluttering your home?



Duplicate items that you do not need?

Unopened items you can no longer return?

Get a head start on Spring Cleaning!

Please consider donating your NEW UNOPENED Christmas Presents/Duplicate items to the Visitation Academy Gala Fundraiser.

No item is too big or too small!

Send in your NEW UNOPENED donations to the main office with a note indicating "GALA" and your name.

Thank you---- HSA Gala Solicitation Committee



\$4,995

Join us for our 2nd Annual Visitation Academy **Tuition Raffle!**

Prize awarded toward tuition at Visitation Academy or can be transferred directly to ANY Newark Archdiocese High School for the 2023-2024 school year. Prize will be paid directly to the school of choice.

Drawing during Catholic Schools Week!

ONLY 200 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

\$100 PER TICKET

[Link to purchase tickets are on our website or click here!](#)

Official Rules

Raffle ends February 1, 2023

One winner will be chosen.

Eligibility-The Tuition Raffle is open only to legal U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older at the time of entry.

There is no limit to the number of tickets an individual may purchase.
Full ticket purchase price will be refunded if a minimum of 50 tickets are not sold.

Tickets are non-refundable. No cash option is available.

****Any taxes applicable are the responsibility of the winner.***

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

ZINEniac is a S.T.E.A.M. after school academic enrichment program that empowers scholars to reach their fullest potential academically and socially. Scholars create a character and earn rewards based on their accomplishments. Scholars become published authors and their characters forever legendary as trading cards!



Science Technology English Arts Mathematics

Dates: 01/09, 01/23, 01/30, 02/06,
02/13, 02/27, 03/06, 03/13

Day: Mondays **Length:** 8 weeks

Time: 3pm - 4:30pm

Price: \$170

Open to Grades: 2nd - 8th

Limited Spaces Available

CONTACT US TO REGISTER



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