



# Visitation Academy

...we are called to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly with our God.

## Weekly Newsletter

November 9, 2023

Dear Visitation Parents/ Community;

As I noted in last week's Newsletter.... Thanksgiving is not a day but a Season .... A thanksgiving should be made to God each and every day, according to the Saints in heaven. In special celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, here are some Saintly quotes on the importance of gratitude.



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta: "The best way to show my gratitude is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy."

St. Gianna Beretta Molla: "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."

Pope St. John Paul II: "Duc in altum! (Put out into the deep!) These words ring out for us today, and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence."



**Veterans Day, November 11th:** *Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage for all of us.*

**Reminder: Box of Joy – WAS EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 9TH!** *We appreciate your generosity, and so do the children who will be receiving their Box of Joy..perhaps the only gift they receive.*

### THE ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM, HELD NOV 1ST AT VISITATION ACADEMY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

From Jodee Blanco: Thank you for being such kind and gracious hosts and making me feel so at home. It was an honor coming to your schools, and I look forward to continuing to serve and support each of you, your students, staff, and parents in whatever way I can, always.

[Attached are the follow-up materials for parents. Digital Resources Package for Parents--This has tons of additional information for parents as well as a recorded video of the parent presentation for parents who wish a refresher.](#)

There is  
always  
something  
to be  
thankful  
for

## JUST A FEW REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**Let's show our SCHOOL SPIRIT! Visitation Girls' VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS will be this Thursday, 7 p.m., at Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst! Come cheer on our school!**

**HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM: Friday, November 10th. Please keep our eighth-grade students in your prayers as they prepare to move forward to High School!**

**HOLIDAY DINNER THEATRE! December 1st! You won't want to miss out on this enjoyable evening of entertainment and dinner. Please see the flier below!**

**UPCOMING JANUARY BASKETBALL CLINICS! Guardians Basketball Clinic presented by the Fathers' Club! Open to all boys and girls in Kindergarten through 2nd! Saturday mornings (time TBD) beginning January 6th. Check the flier below for more information.**

**HSA TRIP TO RADIO CITY! Our HSA is selling tickets for families who want to attend the Christmas Spectacular in the evening on December 5th! What a great idea for us all to get into the Christmas Spirit together! More information is below.**

**CLASS TRIPS: The 6th & 7th Grade classes will be going to Radio City on their CLASS TRIP during the day on Wednesday, December 12th. The 8th graders will be going to Sight & Sound on Thursday, November 16th!!!**

**Christmas in November Toy Drive!** Once again, the Student Council will be collecting toys to benefit the families of the Table of Plenty. These are local families whom we can help this Christmas. Bring an unwrapped toy on Tuesday, November 28, and you may come to school in Christmas colors. (Please follow all guidelines for dress-down days.)

**Save the dates for these upcoming HSA events:**

- **Holiday Market! November 19th 11am - 4pm**
- **HSA and Father's Club hosting Breakfast with Santa - December 9th ~ Photos with REAL Santa**
- **Kids go Shopping! Santa Sale - Week of December 11-15**

**FRIDAYS are SPIRIT WEAR DAYS!!!** Bring out the school spirit and wear some of your favorite pieces. The HSA will be offering more Spirit Wear pieces for sale on our website in the VERY near future. On spirit wear days, students MUST still conform to the dress code; check the [student handbook](#) for details. Students can always wear their gym pants and a spirit wear shirt.

Please know that I am always available during school hours at 201-262-6067 or by email at [principal@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:principal@visitationacademyparamus.org) and will respond promptly to your questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful Fall Weekend with your family!  
***Continue to pray for peace in our world!***

***Dr. Drew***



**ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RADIO CITY  
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR TOGETHER!**

## VISITATION ACADEMY HSA PRESENTS

When: Tues, December 5, 2023

Show Time: 5:00 PM

Departure Time: 3:30 PM

Price: \$120 Per Person Includes:

- Group Seating in Second Mezzanine
- Round Trip Coach Bus Transportation from School Parking Lot

Payment Due: November 13, 2023, Cash or Checks only. Please make checks payable to Visitation Academy



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Visitation Academy Presents

# Holiday Market

Kick-off to Christmas  
Vendor & Craft Fair



**Sunday November 19, 2023**  
**11:00am - 4:00pm**

**OVER 40  
LOCAL  
VENDORS!**

**FREE  
ADMISSION  
& PARKING**

Visitation Academy  
Gym  
222 Farview Ave  
Paramus NJ



Handmade Crafts, Jewelry,  
Candles, Christmas Decor,  
Candies, & more!

*Come with family & friends  
and get in the holiday spirit!*



**HO, HO, HO!**

**THE SANTA CLAUS CHRONICLES**

**A HOLIDAY DINNER THEATRE EVENT**

- When? Friday, December 1, 2023
- Where? Visitation Academy Auditorium
- What? A performance by the Visitation Academy players, and dinner
- Time? Dinner begins at 5:30 pm; the show begins at 6:30 pm.
- How much? \$40.00 per person, drinks not included.  
Please bring a dessert for the dessert sharing table.

☐ You may reserve a table of 8 or indicate another family with whom you wish to sit. Cast and crew do not eat with their families, and do not pay for their meals.

☐ Please send your reservations to  
[lflager@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:lflager@visitationacademyparamus.org).

☐ Please send checks (made out to Visitation Academy) to Mrs. Flager.  
Reservations and payments can be made up to Nov. 22, 2023.

*You may also order boosters for your child by emailing your booster to both [tech@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:tech@visitationacademyparamus.org) and [bursar@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:bursar@visitationacademyparamus.org). Payments can be made by check and sent to Mrs. Flager.*

*Please supply the file for your booster by Wed., November 15, 2023. The file can be either Word or PDF format. Just indicate if it will be a full or half page booster.*

*Full size is 8"L x 5"W and the cost is \$25.00*

*Half is 4"L x 5"W. And the cost is \$15.00*

# Patron of the Arts

*Have you ever dreamed of being a patron of the arts?*

Our Drama Club needs patrons to help us purchase costumes, sets, and props for our shows. This Fall's show, "Ho, Ho, Ho! The Santa Claus Chronicles," is a comedy involving many of your children as cast or crew.



Please consider donating.

All patrons will be acknowledged in the show's playbill.

Platinum Patron	\$100 donation
Gold Patron	\$50 donation
Silver Patron	\$25 donation



**YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND HELP FUND THE SPRING MUSICAL...PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**



“Box of Joy” We are asking that all boxes be returned by Nov. 9th.



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Dear Parents,

This month Visitation Academy will be participating in the *Box of Joy* program, a Christmas gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, your child will bless a child suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We are excited for all of us to learn more about compassion and to share in our Lord's mercy through this experience!

We have set a goal to bless 150 impoverished children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guatemala!

The oldest and only of each family will bring home an empty *Box of Joy* and brochure with attached participant envelope to fill out. Understandably, there is a small cost to transport each *Box of Joy* from our community to the receiving child (***please write the \$9 check to Cross Catholic Outreach, not the school.***).

Your children will choose the gender and age range of the child he/she wants to bless. Have fun on your family shopping spree to personally select the items you feel a special boy or girl would really like! See the brochure or website for details about what to pack, or not pack.

***The deadline for returning your packed Boxes of Joy will be November 5th.***

We encourage every student and every family member to pack a *Box of Joy*! ***If you need additional boxes, please let us know.*** For more info, contact me at [mletizia@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:mletizia@visitationacademyparamus.org) or check out [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy)

Thank you!

Mrs. Letizia



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put any monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) to make your \$9 donation for each gift box, or scan the QR code to process your donation.
4. Secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



# GIFT IDEAS

## PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

### TOYS

Handheld toys  
**Small plush animals\***  
 Small balls (tennis, etc.)  
**Ball (deflated) with pump\***  
 Cars or trucks  
**Doll\***  
 Mini puzzle  
 Finger puppets  
 Unopened fast-food toys  
 Binoculars  
 Lego building blocks  
 Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument  
 Jump rope  
 Yo-yo  
 Slinky  
 Mini board games  
 Balloons  
 Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils, colored pencils  
 Solar calculator  
 Pencil sharpener  
 Small board books  
 Erasers  
 Pencil case  
**Crayons\***  
 Pens, markers  
 Ruler  
 Glue stick (no liquid)  
 Safety scissors  
**Coloring book\***  
 Notepads  
 Stickers  
 Flash cards

### HARD CANDY & GUM

**Please do not include any candies that will melt (Jolly Ranchers, chocolate, etc.).**  
**Please place candy in a sealed bag.**

### APPAREL

Socks  
 Shorts  
 Underwear  
**T-shirts\***  
 Flip-flops  
 Bandanas  
 Hats  
 Plastic poncho  
**Dresses\***

### NECESSITIES/HOME

Comb or brush  
**Cup or bottle with lid\***  
**Bar soap\***  
**Toothpaste (still in the box)\***  
**Toothbrush and floss\***  
 Bandages  
 Hand wipes  
 Lip balm  
 Manicure kit  
 Nail clippers or emery board

### ACCESSORIES

Watch  
**Purse or wallet\***  
**Sunglasses\***  
**Necklace\***  
**Hair ribbons\***  
**Hair bands or headbands\***  
 Barrettes  
 Bracelets  
 Earrings  
 Scarf  
 Cross or rosary

### USEFUL ITEMS

Sewing kit  
 Utensils  
 Compass  
 LED flashlight keychain  
**Drawstring bag\***

\*Highly desired items.

## PLEASE DO NOT PACK

The items listed below are not acceptable for packing in a Box of Joy. Please do not include:

Toy Weapons • Knives or Tools • Combative or Military-Style Toys • Bottled Liquids (Shampoo, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Etc.)  
 Glass or Breakable Objects • Food or Beverages • Cash, Checks or Gift Cards • Chocolate or Jolly Ranchers  
 Medicine or Vitamins • Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues

Box of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach.



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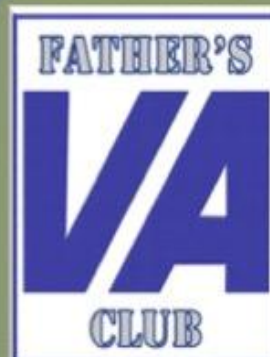
# Guardians Basketball Clinic

## Presented by The Father's Club



- Open to All Boys & Girls in Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Clinic begins 1/6 & will run for 10 consecutive Saturdays
- \$100 per player includes a Personalized Jersey/Shirt with child's name and number of their choice

- Skills Workshops
- Team Environment
- Player Development
- Competitive and Fun
- Drills, Game Play, Physical & Mental Growth, & Much More
- Coached by volunteers from the Father's Club







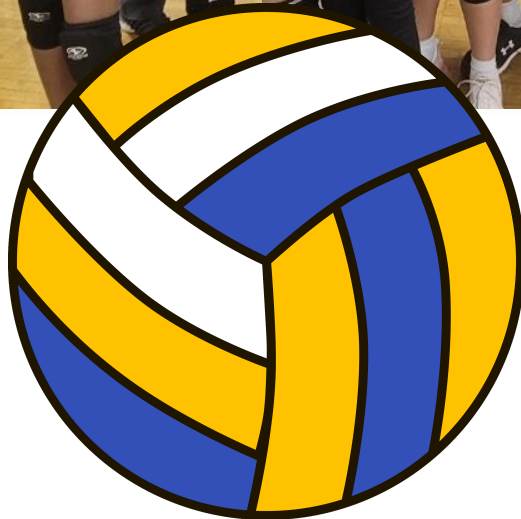
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Jesus says, "You shall  
love the Lord, your  
God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and  
with all your  
mind.....The second is:  
You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself."  
(Matthew 22:37-39)





# We LOVE Volleyball!!!!





Visitation's generosity shines forth again! The Thanksgiving food drive is an 8th-grade service project to benefit the families served by the Table of Plenty in Paramus. Our expectations were met above and beyond...as always.

Here at Visitation ..." We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God" Micah 6:8



## ***RAISE RIGHT...DON'T MISS OUT!***

**Start earning towards your fundraising obligation the easy way with the new mobile app:**

### **RaiseRight by ShopWithScrip**

RaiseRight is simply the right way to fundraise for our organization. Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases—right from your phone.

Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>

Registration Code : 737978D5112L4


***New to The School or the RaiseRight Program?*** - Here is a short video on how it works:

[https://youtu.be/MKV\\_BXUWlm8](https://youtu.be/MKV_BXUWlm8)

**The Home School Association (HSA) is looking forward to an active year with lots of activities, events, fun and laughter. We have put together an online folder for you that is chock full of information that can be found on our school website.**

***The following forms included need to be signed and returned by their specified dates:***

- Family Fundraising Obligation Agreement [2023-2024 Family Obligation Form](#)
- Class Parent Volunteer Form [Class Parent Volunteer Form](#)
- Lunch/Playground Duty Volunteer Form [Lunch/Playground Volunteer Form](#)
- Event Chair / Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet [Event Volunteer Form](#)
- Pizza Lunch (released twice per year)
- Information on Protecting God's Children

 HOW TO PRINT A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CERTIFICATE.docx

 VOLUNTEER APPLICATION.pdf Complete Background Check run by Visitation Office

- o There is a PGC workshop at Visitation Academy on Sept 27th from 6:30-8:45 in the church. [http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theOrgID=16839&theme=0](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=16839&theme=0)

As always for any of our events to be successful, volunteers are needed. Volunteering doesn't mean a huge time commitment. And whatever your time schedule and interests we have need of you. This year there are some give back incentives towards your family obligation. We have tasks that can be performed in the evenings, during the day, or that don't even involve coming to the school at all.

It is our purpose that all monies collected in addition to our required obligation goes directly to benefit the Children of Visitation Academy. We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can now contact us at [hsa@visitationacademyparamus.org](mailto:hsa@visitationacademyparamus.org)





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