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December Updates

Dear Mount Carmel School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. May God bless you and your loved ones during this Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. This season brings the holiday spirit and, with it, many festivities. In the month of December, we anticipate many events happening. It is in this Advent spirit of anticipation that we share some important updates and information with you, which are bulleted below for your quick review.

MCS 70th Anniversary Raffle Drawing: A HUGE SUCCESS!

To all the parents, students, families, and friends, and the MCS faculty & staff thank you for your support and effort in making this fundraiser event a success. Congratulations to all winners.

This is just the first of the three fundraiser events for the 70th anniversary. The next one is on February 4th (**Night with the Knights Dinner**) in line with our Catholic Schools Week celebration.

The winning homerooms will go to World Resort on December 9 (tentative date) and celebrate their hard work by selling the most raffle tickets. The winning classes are:

- 4A Homeroom-sold 351 raffle tickets
- 7B Homeroom-sold 291 raffle tickets
- 8A Homeroom-sold 282 raffle tickets
- Along with 10 other students who sold more than 50 tickets in their homeroom.

Important Note: If you still have unsold tickets on-hand, please turn them in immediately. Otherwise, it will be counted as lost/missing and will be charged to your child's tuition account. Thank you.



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December 02: Student Health & Wellness PD (Sophomores)

This school year, we dedicate time for students in grades 6th-12th to receive training in how to cope with stress during their daily lives.

- Stress can run students down and affect their performance if it's not well managed. Providing this workshop is key for them to learn how to identify triggers and have a quick coping technique to assist them. Permission slips will go home a week before the event.

Date:	Grade:	Venue:	Time:
September 30	12th	World Resort Hotel	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
October 28	11th	World Resort Hotel	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
December 02	10th	World Resort Hotel	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
January 27	9th	TBA	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
February 24	8th	TBA	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
March 31	7th	TBA	7:30 AM-1:00 PM
April 28	6th	TBA	7:30 AM-1:00 PM

December 08:

- **NO CLASSES ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

As the school has done for many years now, our students will help the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa with its celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8, from 2:45 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. at Mount Carmel Cathedral. For this event, please note the following:

- All students in grades 6 through 12 are required to attend.
- Students should report to their homeroom classrooms by 2:45 p. m.
- Students must wear their full school uniform (NO SHORTS).
- Candles for the celebration will be provided by the school.
- Since students will participate in a procession that runs from the Cathedral to the back side of the US Post Office, down along Lucky Star, and Borja's Funeral Home Avenue, and back to the Cathedral along Beach Road, students should prepare by wearing comfortable shoes, eating ahead of time, and bringing a bottle of water with them.
- To alleviate the congestion of the traffic at the cathedral parking lot, parents must pick up their children no later than 6:15 p. m. at the school campus, main office building entrance (high school building).

December 13-14: 2nd Quarter Exams

- Students will be given their 2nd quarter exams on December 13 thru December 14. After several meetings with the Leadership team, we've decided to have the students take their exams before the Christmas break. Doing so will give our students and teachers time to celebrate and enjoy the Advent Season. Please prepare your child/children for the upcoming exams.
- No projects or assignments will be given during Christmas Break.



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December 16: Christmas Show

On Friday, December 16, the school family will celebrate Christmas with the following activities, to which we welcome all parents, guardians, and family members:

- 7:45 am: Christmas Mass (Cathedral)
- 9:30 am-11:30 am: Christmas Show/Program (School Gym)
- 12 noon: Dismissal

Christmas Break: December 16 - January 03

- **January 03, 2023: SEL Professional Development for MCS Faculty & Staff**
- **Classes will resume on January 04, 2023.**
- Throughout the Christmas Break, please note the following holiday office hours:
 - Monday, December 19: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Tuesday, December 20: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Wednesday, December 21: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Thursday, December 22: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Friday, December 23: 8:00 am—11:00 am (Half-day)
 - Monday, December 26: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Tuesday, December 27: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Wednesday, December 28: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Thursday, December 29: 8:00 am—11:00 am & 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
 - Friday, December 30: 8:00 am—11:00 am (Half-day)
- The Main Office will be closed the first week, however; the Business Office will remain open within the above hours.

STAR Reading & Math Mid-year Assessment:

The Renaissance STAR Reading and Math mid-year assessment will be administered on January 17-27, 2023. We apologize for the typo-error on the calendar.

As we often say but, can't say enough, thank you for supporting Catholic education and Mount Carmel School. We are honored to work with your children and remain committed to helping them live the school's mission "to educate the whole person to see with Christ's eyes."

Sincerely in Christ,

Frances T. Taimanao
MCS President



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