



# Parent Newsletter

December 1, 2017

**Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.**

**... Bob Beauprez**

Dear Parents,

The time for **quiet contemplation** and a lot of deep breaths is upon us! The Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and with this beautiful season often comes a lot of unnecessary stress. **Advent begins on Sunday**, and we should make a commitment, this year, to **focus on the true meaning of the season** while preparing our hearts and our homes for the beauty of Christmas Day, and the rest will take care of itself!

**Breakfast with Santa** is this **Sunday, December 3rd**, and I look forward to seeing you enjoying yourselves there. After that, many of the students will be focused on preparing their **Christmas Program** that will take place on **Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

In the meantime, I have heard rumors that the school is closing. That is news to me! Not only is that NOT true, but in fact, we are looking forward to initiating a **Dual Language Immersion (DLI)** model program next year. I cannot tell you how enthusiastic I am about the notion of preparing our children to take their place in a global society academically prepared through a research-based **Catholic biliteracy model**. They will not only become confidently **biliterate**, and **culturally sensitive**, but also Catholics who appreciate the rich traditions of their faith's Hispanic culture. Of course, we cannot do this without you, and so there will be an informational **meeting this Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7:00** in the auditorium. Dr. Susan Abelein, who is the Associate Superintendent of Leadership, Innovation, and Growth, will be there to explain the intent of the program to you. We will already have sent a visiting team to All Souls School, in Alhambra, to observe their program. I strongly encourage all of you to participate as we embark on the Feasibility Study that will determine the direction we will take. The meeting will be open to parishioners and there will be Spanish translation. Please, please mark your calendars and join us, won't you?

As always, you know where to find me. Until next time, be happy, be prayerful, and be well!  
God bless you!

*Diane Gehner*, Principal