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Dear Parents and Guardians,

"Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.' " (Matthew 1:18-24)

What if Joseph let his fear get the best of him? He would not have played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. He would not have had the opportunity to be the protector and provider to Mary and Jesus. His life would have been completely different. And, although being the foster father to the messiah had its moments of hardship, there were also abundant and amazing blessings!

Let us reflect, does fear ever get in the way of keeping us from being God's instrument in the world? If so, may we too let the words of the angel calm our soul and enter our hearts and minds, "Do not be afraid."

Let the Lord enter in,
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

Christmas Drive supporting Hour Children

We will have a \$1.00 dress down day on Thursday, December 22nd. Wear Christmas colors. Please donate more if your means allow. The money collected will be donated to Hour Children. The mission of Hour Children is to help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children successfully rejoin the community, reunify with their families, and build healthy, independent, and secure lives. To accomplish this, Hour Children provides compassionate and comprehensive services and encourages all to live and interact with dignity and respect.

A Look at the Week:

Monday, December 19th - Grades 1 & 2 visit nursing home

Wednesday, December 21st - last day for after school before Christmas break

Thursday, December 22nd - \$1.00 dress down day to support Hour Children

- Optional Class Parties
- 11:45 am Dismissal Grades K-8
- 2:20 pm UPK Dismissal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Week of January 1st:

Monday, January 2nd - No School

Tuesday, January 3rd - School resumes

Thursday, January 5th - World's Finest Chocolate Sale begins

Friday, January 6th - 8:30 am Mass of the Epiphany. All are welcome!