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Dear Parents and Guardians,

"John the Baptist proclaimed, 'One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' " (Mark 1:1-8)

If John the Baptist is not worthy to be at the feet of Jesus, are we worthy to be in His presence? We are! By the great compassion and mercy of God and through the grace of the Holy Spirit we are worthy!! Let us do our part this advent to clear our minds and hearts of all that prevents us from being close to Jesus. Our preparation during Advent allows us to start fresh and be at peace with God and others at Christmas and throughout the year.

Happy and Holy Advent,
Ms. Danielle Gonzalez

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH is for Hour Children

The classes are asked to bring in the following items:

- **Kindergarten** - wipes and toys (For children age Infant to 3 years old)
- **1st Grade** - toys, hats, and scarves (For children age Infant to 3 years old)
- **2nd Grade** - books and mittens (For children age Infant to 3 years old)
- **3rd Grade** - hats and scarves (For children age Infant to 3 years old)
- **4th Grade** - books and puzzles (For children ages 4-7)
- **5th Grade** - socks and gloves (For children ages 4-7)
- **6th Grade** - hats and scarves (For children ages 4-7)
- **7th & 8th Grade** - crayons, markers, and coloring books (For children ages 4-7)

Items are asked to be brought to school no later than Friday, December 15th. If you cannot send in an item, a simple monetary donation would also be appreciated. Thank you!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES were very well attended! Thank you for your active participation in your child's education. Please note that the Terra Nova Home Report (Grades 3-8) reflects the National Percentile Scale. Any score around the highlighted gray area (50%) is a good score - the student is at the national average for his/her grade level. If you have other questions about the Terra Nova Scores, please feel free to ask the teacher or make an appointment to meet with Ms. Gonzalez.

A Look at the Week:

Monday, December 11th - Cookie Dough arrives

Tuesday, December 12th - 9:00 AM Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Show

Wednesday, December 13th - UPK Vision Screening in the classroom
- Grades 1 & 2 visit St. Joachim & Anne Residence

Friday, December 15th - Items for Christmas Outreach are due today
- 7:00 PM Christmas Show (Performing Grades are Kindergarten, Grades 3, 4, 6, and 8)

Next week:

Monday, December 18th - Grade 4 trip to Palm Gardens Nursing Home

Tuesday, December 19th - Grades 1-5 go to Immaculate Conception Center for Stages on the Sound performance of "A Brooklyn Christmas Story". All students must bring a bagged lunch.

Wednesday, December 20th - Banking Day

Thursday, December 21st - Free Dress down day for all faculty, staff and students. Wear red and/or green.

- 8:30 AM - Advent Prayer Service in auditorium
- **11:45 AM dismissal for Grades K - 8**
- **2:20 PM regular UPK dismissal** (Please note that the dismissal time on the December Calendar is a mistake. UPK has a full day and dismisses at their usual time.)
- **After School is NOT available today.** Be sure to make other arrangements. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.