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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

December 1, 2019

Thanks to all families who contributed to the annual Canned Food Drive. We collected a total of 6,575 items (dollars plus cans), edging out last year's tally and topping our goal as a school.

As a reminder, we are moving our traditional holiday giving program, which in the past would follow immediately on the heels of the Canned Food Drive, to the spring. More information on our "Christmas in April" plans will be relayed in March.

In Other News

Our second round of **Renaissance standardized testing** is scheduled for this upcoming week for students in Upper School. The tests will be given during English/Language Arts and Math classes on Tuesday 12/3 and Wednesday 12/4, with make-ups later in the week or the following week if necessary. We will be able to share student scores from the first two rounds of testing during parent-teacher conferences in January. Please encourage your children to sleep and eat well this week and be ready to do their best!

Events This Week:

- The next group to miss school time for 8th grade community service is **Team Five**, who will be spending the morning of Tuesday, December 3, at Casa Maria.

- **Co-ed Soccer** games this week:

Tuesday, 12/3 - "A" team game @ home (Sewell Elem.) vs. TCDS: early release at 3:00; game at 4:00.

Thursday, 12/5 - "A" team game @ Desert Christian: early release at 3:00; game at 4:00.

● **Salpointe Step-Up Day** is Friday, December 6th. Eighth graders interested in attending must contact Salpointe to reserve their spot.

● The **Fifth Grade** is responsible for bringing at least a dozen peeled hard-boiled eggs Friday morning (12/6) for Casa Maria sandwich-making.

● The **Seventh Grade** trip to Playformance has been postponed. We'll let those families know when it's been rescheduled.

● The second middle school (gr. 6-8) **dance** of the year is the evening of Friday, December 6, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$8 per student.

Events Beyond This Week:

● The **Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel** will occur during Tuesday Chapel at 2:25 p.m. on the afternoon of December 10.

● The next \$2 "**Fee Dress**" day is Wednesday, December 11. The next free/relaxed dress day is Thursday, December 19.

● The Upper School **Christmas program** is the evening of Friday, December 13, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

That afternoon is also the Lower School **St. Nick's Day** program from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Upper School students with siblings in Lower School are allowed to attend only with written permission in advance from parents and must sit with their families.

● The final school day before Christmas break, Friday, December 20, is a half day with a noon dismissal. It begins with the **Geography Bee** and is followed by our beautiful **Las Posadas** procession and **Lessons & Carols** service in the church. All are welcome to attend!

That's all for now...

Best wishes,

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