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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

November 17, 2019

Our second trimester is under way successfully. The period between now and Christmas is chock full of exciting festivities, but it's also a key window for students to orient themselves with experiences gained during the first term.

We ask that families pay close attention to the various special calendar events that are coming up over the next month. If you anticipate your children missing any additional time during the holiday season, please convey that information as soon as possible to the relevant advisors and teachers. It can be challenging with visions of turkey and sugarplums dancing in students' heads to keep focused on academic priorities, but we'll certainly try!

In Other News

Please take a few moments to review your student's report card, which was sent home Friday afternoon. We ask that you sign the envelope and return it to your child's advisor while keeping the report itself. If you have questions or concerns about any grades, Honor Roll calculations, or your child's progress overall, don't hesitate to contact me and/or your child's advisor. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled after Christmas break, but the start of a new term offers an additional, valuable moment for reviewing student progress.

Events This Week:

- Ms. Stafford will be away this Monday, November 18. Members of the fifth and sixth grade bands will have study hall instead. (No instruments required.) She will be in contact with the Advanced Band about her expectations for them.
- The **Sports Assembly** for the fall season is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, at 2:30 p.m. It will be held in the Student Center.

● Our annual **Career Day** (for grades 6-8) is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, November 20, which is also a **noon dismissal** day. The Fifth Grade will be participating in a special art activity with Ms. Audra Scovil that morning.

● The next 8th grade community service rotation involves **Team Six**, which will be spending the morning of Thursday, November 21, at the Community Food Bank.

● Our first **Coed Soccer** games of the season kick off this week: the A team plays at home (Sewell Elementary) against Casas on Tuesday, November 19, at 4:00 p.m.; the B team plays away at Academy of Tucson (Wrightstown campus) on Thursday, November 21, at 4:00 p.m. Each team has early release from school at 3:00 p.m. on their respective game days.

● As always, please encourage your child to bring mass donations on Thursdays. Student Council has voted to donate our October and November mass collections to **Meals on Wheels**.

● The annual **Canned Food Drive** runs through Monday, November 25. Cash donations will support the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, and non-perishable items collected will supply the church's food pantry program. Please support the drive in any way you "can"!

Events Beyond This Week:

● There is no school Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29 for **Thanksgiving!**

● Our second round of **Renaissance standardized testing** is scheduled for the week of December 2-6. The tests will be given during English and Math classes some time Tuesday through Thursday that week.

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

● The next middle school (gr. 6-8) **dance** is that evening, Friday, December 6th, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

● The **Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel** will occur during Tuesday Chapel on the afternoon of December 10. It is another lovely event worth attending!

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

That afternoon is 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.

That's all for now...

Best wishes,

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