

What's Up at SGA December 6th-10th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I trust that you and your families had a happy and safe weekend together. Today marks the second week of Advent. The purple candle for this week is called the "love" candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the light of our world who brings us hope and fills us with God's love.

This week at St. Gabriel the Archangel CES:

Tuesday, December 7th: In conjunction with Immaculate Conception Parish, the SGA Catholic School Council (Faith Committee) is launching the annual "Adopt-A-Family" campaign at the school. Attached is information regarding this worthwhile campaign that helps families in need in our community at Christmas: [Adopt A Family Information](#) Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Wednesday, December 8th: is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Staff and students will observe this feast day with a virtual paralyurgy presented by Mrs. Santeramo and her class.

This week, musical presentations by each class will continue to be taped for the virtual Christmas concert that will be livestreamed on **Thursday, December 16 @ 7 pm**. A livestream link will be sent out closer to that date. Students will have the opportunity to view this concert on **Friday, December 17th** during a virtual assembly at school in the afternoon (Thank you to CSC for providing juice boxes).

Next Week (December 13th-17th) Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 13th: Red and Green Day (student are encouraged to wear either red, green or a combination of both)

Wednesday, December 15th: Pajama/Sweat suit day (Christmas theme encouraged if possible), Virtual Advent Mass with ICP, and a virtual visit from Santa (nut free Terra Cotta cookies provided by CSC- thank you!)

Thursday, December 16th: see above

Friday, December 17th: Christmas civvies day (loonies and toonies collected for Share Life). Students are encouraged to wear anything related to Christmas.

Please note: Last Monday, we reverted to **3:40 dismissal for ALL classes**. Subsequently, this has impacted the flow of traffic. I ask that for the safety of everyone – especially the students, please continue to observe safety rules:

- **Absolutely no parking in the kiss and ride area**
- **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the kiss and ride area**
- **Please do not block the pathway for the kiss and ride area** – the premise of the kiss and ride is for traffic to flow. If your child(ren) are not yet at the exit, please go around the loop.
- **Each day, a path marked by traffic pylons is set out to provide an area for pedestrians- please do not move these pylons** Please drive **SLOWLY in any part of the school grounds**
- **Please observe the one-way direction of the entrance driveway (do not exit through the entrance). There is not enough room in the entrance for safe 2-way traffic**
- Please share this information with any caregivers who may be picking up your child(ren) at the end of the day.
- In order to allow a greater number of students to safely cross the driveway as well as to allow the buses to depart, please do not park in front of the buses, please do drive slowly, stop at the stop sign, and exit through the exit (at the other end of the driveway)

REMINDERS: Please ensure that your child(ren)

- come to school with a change of masks. While there are masks available in the office, these are meant to replace those masks that are lost or soiled
- bring a reusable water bottle if possible as all of the water bottle filling stations are now operational
- have a pair of indoor as well as a pair of outdoor shoes
- are appropriately dressed for the weather (outdoor recess)

As always, here are safety reminders that bear repeating in order to keep our students and school community safe: (please share with caregivers who pick up your child(ren):

1. Please do not stop/park/leave your vehicle in either the back or front kiss and ride as this blocks and affects the safe and timely flow of traffic. The kiss and ride area is not intended for parking.

- If you wish to escort your child(ren) to the door, please park your vehicle in the parking lot. The front driveway is available as a kiss and ride only AFTER the buses have driven through (usually after 8:40ish).
- Please do not block the buses either in the morning or the afternoon. If you choose to drop off your child(ren) at the front driveway, please do so in the lane closest to the sidewalk. The left lane is a live lane and is meant as an exit lane, not a drop off lane.
- **The front door is not to be accessed unless 1. It is after 8:50 am or 2. Severe inclement weather**
- Supervision in the morning begins at **8:35 am. Students are not to enter the building before this time.**
- **School begins promptly at 8:50 am Attendance and Opening Exercises start very soon after this time.**
- While on school grounds, it is highly recommended that you wear a mask if you cannot keep the 2 metres of physical distance)
- At this time, visitors are not to come into the school. If you need to come into the office, you are requested to kindly call ahead and make an appointment. If you are dropping something off or picking up your child(ren), please ring the doorbell and wait for someone from the office to assist you.

As a reminder, any visitor who enters the school has to perform the covid self-assessment screening test and an attestation. I have put up information on “how to” which includes QR codes on the left side of the windows to the entrance of the school.

- Lunches per third party deliveries (i.e. Uber) are not to be delivered to the school as per the Board re-entry plan. In the case of an emergency, please call to advise the office that you are bringing a lunch from home. If these lunches are not from a nut safe/free facility (i.e. MacDonald’s), students may be asked to eat their lunch in the office. Students with permission, are allowed to go home only for lunch.

Thank you.

An Advent Prayer:

God’s hope to direct me.

God’s love to surround me.

God’s joy to warm me.

God’s peace to comfort me.

Bless our Advent journey to Christmas with light and patience. Amen.

Have a fantastic week!

Ms. Sandig, Principal