

Dear St. Luke Families,

I hope that this holiday season is not keeping you too busy. Here at school we are in the mad dash to the end of the semester. Our morning gathering has been given a facelift. We gather to the song "We Are Called" and recognize students each day who are demonstrating our core values. If your schedule allows I invite you to stay and join our morning celebration. A few reminders for the coming week:

- Monday, December 11 - Student choir will be performing at the Findley Gallery in Palm Beach for the Bishops Reception.
- Monday, December 11 - Wednesday, December 13 MAP Testing: Students will be completed the Winter MAP testing.
- Tuesday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service: Place: Church, Time: 2:30-3:00.
- Tuesday, December 12 - Reconciliation grades 3-5.
- Friday, December 15 – Reconciliation grades 6-8.
- Thursday, December 14 – Advent Show, 7:00 PM at the church. Students are asked to meet their teachers in the classroom at 6:30. Wear your Christmas best!

Have a wonderful week.

Partners in faith and education,  
Diann Bacchus, Principal

Core Values: Seek, Persist, Excel, Love, Serve

LOVE: Sofia Martinez, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Sofia cares for her brother who has a broken leg. With joy she has taken on the task of caring for him and ensuring he is able to keep up at school.

If your child has participated in an activity or event outside of school, please don't hesitate to drop me an email. I enjoy hearing how our students are living their Catholic faith and core values outside of school.

### STEP-UP

The application process is now available for **renewal families** seeking a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. To take advantage of this status, you should complete the application by **December 31, 2017**.

Mrs. Flores will be in the office Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm if you need assistance in renewing your STEP-UP application. You may email Diana Flores at [Diana.flores@stlukeparish.com](mailto:Diana.flores@stlukeparish.com) or call the office at 561-965-8980 to set of an appointment.

### School Attendance and Tardiness

At Norte Dame ACE Academies we strive to make "every minute count". We want to have a full and meaningful learning day. It is important that your learner is on time each day. The gates open at 7:30 for homeroom. 7:50 we have morning gathering. When a learner is late they miss valuable lessons and disrupt the learning environment.

There are limits to the number of days a student is able to miss during the year. Too many missed days can impact learning. Additionally, STEP-UP Scholarship money could be impacted if a student misses too many days.

### After School Clubs

ALS Club meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 -4:30  
STEM club begins this December 14<sup>th</sup>. 3:30-4:30.

## Upcoming Dates

- Monday, December 11 – 5:00 p.m. Choir performing
- Thursday, December 14 – 7:00 p.m. Advent Program Show
- December 18-20 Middle School 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams
- December 21 - Middle School Dance
- December 21 – Noon Dismissal
- January 8 – Teacher Workday
- January 9 – STUDENTS BACK.
- January 10 – Reportcards Sent Home
- January 12 – Noon Dismissal
- January 28- February 3 Catholic Schools Week