

**\*\*EARLY RELEASE! NO AFTERCARE THIS THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>\*\***

Dear St. Luke Families,

As we prepare for the Christmas break, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. It seems that just yesterday it was August, and new learners were arriving on campus. Today, I see learners who are energized, engaged, and living our core values of seek, persist, excel, love and serve. I would be remiss if I did not thank you all for the hard work you put into making St. Luke a school of faith, hope, and promise as we continue to strive for excellence. It is with hopeful prayer that we continue our journey as a united school community.

Have a wonderful week.  
Partners in faith and education,  
Diann Bacchus, Principal

**Core Values: Seek, Persist, Excel, Love, Serve**  
LOVE: Terrella Van Ryzin

Terrella's love for the school and the students was evident in the zeal and enthusiasm in which she tackled the Advent program. The program went off without a hitch and it can be in great part to the love and dedication she put into teaching each and every song.

**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**.

Please come by the office or call to make an appointment if you need assistance completing the online application.

### 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

Watch for STEM Club for grades 1-5 beginning in January; details to come when we return.

### Upcoming Dates

- December 18-20 Middle School 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams
- December 21 - Middle School Dance
- December 21 – Noon Dismissal
- December 21 – NO AFTERCARE
- January 8 – Teacher Workday
- January 9 – STUDENTS BACK.
- January 10 – Report cards Sent Home

- January 12 – Noon Dismissal
- January 28- February 3 Catholic Schools Week
- February 1- National Junior Society Inductions