

ST. ADELAIDE ACADEMY



Developing Catholic Stewards, Scholars and Leaders



December 2, 2020

Dear St. Adelaide families,

Happy Advent! Traditionally the seasons of Advent and Christmas are joyful. Even though we know that preparation and celebrations will be different, it can still be a time of joy.

There may be uncertainty and distress, but this season reminds us that God is with us.

Pope Francis addressed the faithful during the first Sunday in Advent.

The pope invited everyone to live this season of hope and preparation with "great sobriety" and simple moments of family prayer.

"The situation we are experiencing, marked by the pandemic, generates concern, fear and despair in many; there is the risk of falling into pessimism ... How should we react to all this? Today's Psalm recommends to us: 'Our soul awaits the Lord: He is our help and our shield. It is in Him that our hearts rejoice,'" he said.

"Advent is an incessant call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate end, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ," Pope Francis said.

May hope, joy, peace and love fill your hearts and homes. Have a Blessed Advent!

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:21-23

I thank you for your commitment to Catholic education and all that you do to support St. Adelaide Academy. I invite you to become involved in our school community. If you have resources that would help our school, please let me know.

Blessings,

Mrs. Malouf, Principal

PRAYER CORNER

Many in our school families are in need of prayers. Please pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, those who are battling illness, those who are dealing with financial challenges, those dealing with emotional or mental challenges, and those dealing with stress. We ask for the Lord to provide them with the peace and comfort they need.



SCHOOL WAIVER

The school applied for a waiver for grades K-5 to return to campus. At this time, our application is "pending" because of the spike of positive COVID-19 cases in the county. We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and safe return of our students on campus. I will inform you when the California Department of Public Health approves our waiver. Our middle school students are not able to return to on-campus instruction until the county is in the red tier, based on guidelines from the Health Department.



PARENT CONFERENCES

We begin conferences today. This is an opportunity to partner with your child's teacher to provide insights which will help your child succeed. If there are challenges that your child faces, please share these with the teacher. You will receive testing results and grades for the first trimester. Report cards can also be accessed through Gradelink. If you need Gradelink login information, please email Mrs. Malouf at bgustafson@sbdiocese.org. If you have not scheduled a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher this week.



AWARDS

Congratulations to all who worked so hard this first trimester! We have seen great progress from many of our students. Keep up the good work! Trimester awards will be presented during classes on Monday, December 7th. Teachers will upload awards on Google Classroom, or you can pick up physical copies at school from the classroom teacher.

Academic Awards

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program will look a bit different this year, but with some creativity it promises to be just as special! Every child has the opportunity to perform individually or as a small group. See the flyer sent through Remind for details. Some of our classes will be performing together as well. These individual performance videos will be integrated in between the group performances to create a full program. Of course, our eighth-grade class will have the finale performance of the Nativity. We will provide a link for you to view at the end of the final week of school in December.



REPORTING POSITIVE CASES OR CONTACT

In an effort to keep everyone safe, we are asking you to report any instances of positive COVID-19 cases or contact with positive cases if you or your child has been on campus within 5 days of the contact or positive case. We must follow the guidelines for testing, reporting and quarantine when necessary. **All reporting must go directly to Mrs. Malouf, bgustafson@sbdiocese.org.** Thank you for understanding.

Please stay safe and keep all those affected by this virus in your prayers!



REMIND

Are you on the school Remind? It is important for all school families to be on to receive information. Please text @adelaide2 to 81010 to join.

Please be sure that you are on the class Remind as well for information specifically about your child's grade level. These Remind messages are the best way for us to stay connected, especially during this time.



CONFESSIONS

Fr. Alex will be hearing confessions during Advent on the next three Wednesdays: December 9th, 16th and 23rd from 3-4pm. A link to sign up for a time will be sent through Remind. We are so grateful that Fr. Alex is providing this opportunity for our school families.



CAR RAFFLE

It's that time of year again when we help sell Catholic Education Foundation Car Raffle Tickets. In previous years, this raffle was done in conjunction with the Bishop's Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament will not be held this year, but the car raffle will still support scholarships provided by the diocese.

This year, a 2021 Ford Mustang is being raffled. All proceeds benefit our Diocesan Catholic Schools. Each family is required to sell 10 tickets at \$10.00 each. **This is not an optional fundraiser.** 50% of all ticket sales will go toward your fundraising obligation. Please return all money and ticket stubs to the school office by February 1, 2021. Any money or ticket stubs not turned in, will be charged to your FACTS account.

We have a few extra tickets in the school office for anyone who would like to sell more.

Thank you and Good Luck!



PAINTING TABLES

Would you like to earn some parent service hours? We would like to repaint the lunch tables during the next month. More information will be sent through Remind once we have some dates to offer.



YEARBOOK

We are beginning to build our yearbook. As we have events throughout the year, you can help by taking pictures. You can even include pictures of Zoom activities. We would love to include these in our yearbook to highlight this unprecedented year. Each class has a page highlighting the children in that class. If you would like to work on the class page or event pages, please contact Coach Leo at lchrisman@sbdiocese.org. This is a fun way to earn your parent hours!



SCRIP

The holidays are coming! Scrip is a great way you can reach your fundraising goal. We have several gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, retail stores, home repair stores, restaurants and Amazon. You purchase the gift cards at face value and the school receives a percentage of the sales. Inquire in the school office for ways to purchase Scrip or look on our website. Forms are online. All physical cards must be purchased through the office. If you have a special order or large order, let us know. You can also purchase e-cards. Look on our website for details on how to sign up for that part of the program.



SCHOOL CENTS

Our school is currently in 3rd Place!

Please help our school earn up to \$2000 through the School Cents Program at the Inland Center Mall. Many of the stores in the mall have recently reopened. You could help our school by logging your receipts. You can log in your receipts online by going to <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/inland/> Another option is to bring your receipts to the school office and we will log them for you.

We will earn 4x the points (200 points per dollar spent) for purchases made from November 16 through January 15th. The school will earn 5000 points for every Santa photo package purchased. Available beginning Dec. 4 daily from 12-8 Mon-Sat, 11-7 on Sunday, and 9-5 on Dec. 24. Visit InlandCenter.com for reservations and more info.

Another opportunity for the school to earn points is through donations to the Salvation Army Angel Tree: Nov. 27 - Dec. 24. Open 11am-7pm, closed Sundays. Pick a child's name and purchase their requested toy, bring it back unwrapped. Get a receipt for your donation submit it by January 15 to receive 3,000 points per angel.



ROSETTA STONE

All of our students will be learning Spanish in Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The Rosetta Stone program will enhance the instruction the students are receiving as well as provide an individualized learning path. It will empower students to take ownership of their own language development. It is important for all to take advantage of this opportunity. It is well worth the cost if our students utilize it.



ALUMNI

We are beginning to create an alumni database. We hope to reach out to our alumni and update them about their elementary school and create some future alumni events. Monique Quiroz is leading this effort. If you would like to help her (service hour opportunity) or provide information about alumni, please call/text her at (909) 246-3562 or email: quirozmonique34@gmail.com. We would like the alumni name, years attended, graduation year, phone number and email.



GRAND AUCTION

We are beginning to make plans for a fundraiser during the beginning of next year. Although we were unable to have our annual carnival in October, we will hold a live auction similar to the one we have during carnival. How can you help? We are in need of donated items from local businesses. Let us know if you can help by sending out letters, contacting businesses are helping to organize the event. You will receive service hours for your time. Additionally, all classes will be asked to provide a themed basket for the auction. Room/Zoom parents are asked to help with organizing this with your teacher and families.



PARENT PARTICIPATION

Our Parent Participation Program is a vital part of St. Adelaide Academy. The purpose of the Parent Participation Program is to involve parents more actively in their child's school, while helping to keep down the increasing costs of educating children. Parents have an opportunity to sign up for various activities. Each school family is responsible for thirty (30) hours of parent participation for the school year. A full list of all opportunities were sent through Remind and are available on the school website. Several opportunities are mentioned in this newsletter. Please call the school office if you can help with any of these projects. All service must be approved by Mrs. Malouf. Please complete your hours to avoid being charged. You should have half of your hours completed by January.



SUBMITTING PARENT SERVICE HOURS

Directions for submitting parent service hours on Gradelink:

1. Log into your child's Gradelink account using the family login credentials.
2. Click on the "Service Hours" tab on the left-hand side of your screen.
3. Click on the "Family" tab on the right to submit parent hours.
4. Type in the date of the performed service, amount of time spent performing the service, a description of the service and the staff member who supervised/approved the service.
5. Service hours will be approved by the school administration.
6. The same process is used for middle school students completing their required service hours, except they will log their hours under the "Student" tab.

