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Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,

Greetings, Happy Advent, Happy Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Saint Nicholas and of Course Blessed and Merry Christmas!!!!!!

Now with all of that said, Welcome to December, the month that is filled with Joy, Peace, Love of Family, Friends and in many cases helping people we do not even know. The month ahead promises to be very busy, hectic and in some cases a bit chaotic. Let me highlight some of the many events that will take place here at the school.

It all begins with **SENIOR LOCKERATION** ! What a great way to start the month, the senior class will decorate the halls with so many creative and magnificent displays. It is a special Senior class bonding moment. Soon after, we will celebrate our annual **GRANDPARENTS DAY LITURGY AND BRUNCH with over 1,750 in attendance**. I simply love this evident it is all about Family, a term that is so familiar here at Friarland. Speaking of family, our Alumni will return to Campus with our annual **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!**. This day allows us the opportunity to welcome home our alumni and share some great times with their children as they visit Santa and his Elves.

The season of **ADVENT** is a time for prayer and preparation. Here at school we will hold special **RECONCILIATION SERVICES** for the entire school. The Faculty and Staff will be treated to an afternoon of **ADVENT REFLECTION**, as they prepare for the coming of the Savior. There will be special All School Liturgies for the **Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**, honoring Mary, the Mother of God and the Patroness of the United States. Daily liturgies, class retreats and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also fill the month.

It is a time for us to look at our Academic Successes. Many of our Seniors have received **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS!** Now that the TACHS exam is past, our halls will be filled with many Future Friars seeking admission to the Class of 2028. Our present student body will juggle the Christmas spirit with the rigors of Academic excellence as we dive into a new quarter.

It is the Season of Joy! The Joy of Music will be showcased with our **TWO CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**. Our music department will be on display filling the school auditorium but also the hallways with great music for all. Many members of the Schola will tour and **SERENADE** New York City.

It is the Season of Giving! Our students and faculty will be visiting **NURSING HOMES, and - SHELTERS, COLLECTING GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED, SPONSORING THE SALT TOY DRIVE and spreading FRANCISCAN JOY**. As the Principal, it is most humbling to see every Club, Team, Organization Faculty, Staff and Parents so involved in helping others.

It is the season of family. Our **MOTHERS' and FATHERS'S GUILDS** will sponsor special events including the **ADVENT RAFFLE WINNERS, CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT EXCHANGE AND FATHERS GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY**.

For us it will all culminate with our **CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY ON DECEMBER 24**, beginning with Carols at 3:30 pm and liturgy at 4:00 pm. **We welcome the FRANCISCAN BROTHERS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, Our JUNIORS, SENIORS and their PARENTS to usher in the Joy of CHRISTMAS!!!!**

As we all journey throughout this wonderful month, be certain of my thoughts, prayers and best wishes for each of you. **May the Christ Child Bless you all in a special way, especially as we head into the Year of 2024.**

Again Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to each of you, and remember that **BROTHER LOVES YA!!!!**

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,

Brother David Anthony, OSJ