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Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,

It is December, so please let me begin by saying Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all of you! I do hope that your Thanksgiving Festivities all went well and that you had some great time with family and friends.

Well, there is something for everyone here at Saint Anthony's High School during this most Glorious month. Let me begin with all of the Spiritual Opportunities. We kick things off with our Annual Grandparents' Liturgy and Brunch. It promises to be a great time for each of us to connect with the very people who love to spoil us – Grandma and Grandpa. The month continues with several retreat opportunities and two days of Reconciliation Services for our students and Faculty. I am so grateful to our Chaplains and area priests who will spend valuable time helping us prepare for the Birth of Christ. Our Faculty will spend time one afternoon in prayer during their Advent Retreat. On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will have Two All School Liturgies honoring Mary, the Patroness of our Nation. Of course, it all culminates with our Christmas Eve Liturgy celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ. Students, Parents, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, the Franciscan Brothers all-worshipping together as **THE FRIAR FAMILY!** What can be better than that?

The Christmas carol "*Deck the Halls*" will certainly ring true as our Senior Class displays great talent with **LOCKERATION**, while so many alumni will return with their children for **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**.

There will be plenty of merriment in the halls as our Students, Faculty and Staff prepare for Our Annual Christmas Concerts. The Chorus and Our Instrumentalists have been preparing all semester for these great nights; I know it will be us all great pride and joy.

The Mothers' Guild Advent Raffle Winners will be announced every day in December and our Mothers' and Fathers' Guilds will host their annual Christmas gatherings.

Let us never forget that the Real Reason for the Season is the Birth of Jesus Christ. With this thought in mind, there will be several opportunities for service in visiting nursing homes, sending cards to those in need and being generous in all of our Christmas Drives. I thank you in advance for all that you will do to assist others.

I love Christmas! It brings out the Best in all of us! My Dad always said to me that Christmas is every day when you serve one another. So, as we celebrate this great feast, let us all be mindful of our blessings and share them with all.

Be certain that my greatest blessing is all of you- my Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Parents, Grandparents and Benefactors. You are the Face of Christ to me every day. As the calendar year is ending, I pray that the year ahead brings all of us Peace, Comfort and Joy!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST BLESSED NEW YEAR !!!!
And Remember every day in December, Brother Loves Ya!!!!

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,