

## CIRCULAR #7

01 December 2010



Dear Parents,

Greetings of Peace through Mary, Mother of the Church!

We are now in the season of **Advent**; the season that begins the liturgical year. It consists of four Sundays starting with the Sunday closest to November 30<sup>th</sup>. The word advent is derived from the Latin adventus, which means "coming" or "arrival." In the societies of the Roman Empire, the word adventus referred to the arrival of a person of dignity and great power -- a king, emperor, or even one of the gods. For Christians, Advent is the time when the church patiently prepares for the coming of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

Likewise, Christmas is fast approaching. *"Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help and forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us...Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."* Inspired with these words of Pope Benedict XVI, let us prepare ourselves spiritually and not only with the material things so that we may celebrate Christmas joyfully and peacefully,

Please be guided of the following activities for this month.

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| December | 2            | - Scouting Activity (Elem. & High School)   |
|          | 3            | - First Friday Mass (High School)<br>- Outreach Program of MES Ministries   |
|          | 6            | - Student-Teachers Day c/o MESSCCO  |
|          | 7            | - MESSCCO Holiday Bash : Dress to Impress (High School)   |
|          | 8            | - Feast of the Immaculate Conception – NO CLASSES<br>- Teachers' Outreach Program   |
|          | 9            | - Final Judging of Christmas Tree Making Contest<br>MESSCCO (Elementary)  |
|          | <b>10-14</b> | <b>- Dates of Payment</b><br><b>NOTE: No promissory note will be accepted this month.</b>                                       |
|          | 11           | - Math Camp (Elementary) 7:30 – 1:00 P.M.<br>- Mass Wedding organized by DVMI Sisters for KNM Parents (2:00 P.M.)               |
|          | 12           | - Mother of Good Counsel Parish Mass (Pre-School) – 9:00 A.M.   |
|          | 15-17        | - Third Periodical Test (15-16 up to 12noon, 17 up to 2:00 P.M.)  |
|          | 16           | - Holy Mass (Elementary Dept.) – 7:15 A.M.<br>- GSP Advisers/Coordinators' Meeting (SMIS)                                       |
|          | 17           | - Holy Mass (High School Dept.) – 7:15 A.M.<br>- Outreach Program (MES Staff) P.M.<br>- Faculty Christmas Party (By Department) |
|          | 18           | - Children's Christmas Party (A.M.)<br>- Employees' Christmas Party (P.M.) with Mass at 4:30 P.M.                               |
|          | 19           | - Beginning of Christmas Vacation   |
| January  | 3            | - Classes Resume  |

Thank you for your unwavering support and cooperation to all our school activities.

*Have a joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year!*