



# ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

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Good afternoon families,

This week began with a beautiful Mass of the Epiphany which honors the three wise men, or Magi, who follow the star in the east to find baby Jesus. This feast day is celebrated twelve days after Jesus' birth when he is proclaimed the Son of God. Our seventh graders did a wonderful job as they reenacted the wise men bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus in the lovely creche in St. Louis Church.

Monday begins the winter MAP testing schedule for students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Students will take only one test per day in the computer lab with their teacher as the proctor. The test is spread out over two weeks for the elementary students in order to accommodate all three tests (math and reading only for K and grade 1; math, reading and language for grades 2-8). The middle school campus should complete their testing in one week.

This week we said good-bye to Mr. "Coach" Kyle Kreidler. As you know, Coach Kreidler was our contracted PE Instructor. We were informed this week by his agency that he accepted a full-time position in the Boston area. His last day was today. We wish Mr. Kreidler well in his career and thank him for his work with our children. The agency is working hard to find a suitable replacement, and has assured to provide us with an update of their progress by the beginning of the week.

Last, but certainly not least, please join me in welcoming Mrs. Christine Dowd to All Saints Academy. Mrs. Dowd will be our new fourth grade teacher beginning Monday, January 13. Mrs. Dowd is a dually licensed teacher of elementary education (1-6) and special education (Moderate Disabilities PreK-8). She was a high school teacher before expanding her skillset to include teaching at the elementary level, and we are very excited for her to begin working with our students. For the next week or so, Mrs. Raps will continue on in the classroom assisting Mrs. Dowd with the transition. Thank you for your patience and support while this search was conducted. We are confident that we have made the best choice in Mrs. Dowd for the children and All Saints Academy.

Yours in Christ,

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