

REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS-NOVEMBER 29, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Library	Attention Model UN team, there will be a very brief meeting at the library today at 2:30pm. Please stop by if you have a chance, we won't take too much of your time!
Albano	Drama Club members. Your next meeting is tomorrow afterschool. "Don't Trust Anyone" Actors, you have rehearsal tomorrow and Friday afterschool.
Albano	The Advent season is upon us and so is our annual food drive. Through your homeroom, donate your non-perishable items starting December 1. Remember! Ms. Albano does recognize giving, but it must be extraordinary!
Albano	Students helping Ms. Albano TOMORROW, with no test or presentation in Period 1, meet in the Chapel after announcements.
Gervais	Student Council meeting is today afterschool.
Leadership/Bautista Lowe	Semi formal is coming! It will be at Verdi Hall on December 8 2022 from 5-10:00 p.m. Purchase tickets online and pick up your tickets during lunch. Clothing swap. Donate clothes in good condition to receive ticket so you can shop during the clothing swap.

DAILY REFLECTION

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

"They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious."

Hope is a curious word. You hear about it. For some, you have heard to keep hope alive. You have failed a test or did poorly on a paper, and someone tells you to remain hopeful for the next one. Yet, I challenge all of us to think of hope differently today.

Hope is a virtue which sustains us when everything seems absurd and ridiculous around us. A virtue that says what you see and hear is not the end of everything you cherish and love, but one that desires for something greater than what the human mind can conceive and promote. Instead, Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. To face whatever life brings, be it in great jubilation or in tears, to hope that something greater than ourselves awaits us. A glorious definition of peace among nations, and where I am more than the sum of the mistakes of my past and how others choose to define me.

I pray that the weeks ahead may fill your life with hope as Christians around the world head towards celebrating Christmas. May we see in our hopeful anticipation an example of how we are to live our lives in great wisdom and joy in the Lord. Let us keep in our prayers all who are fighting for what is right and just in our community, and in every corner of the world, especially in Iran and Ukraine. Let us never forget the words of Jesus at the Ascension, remember I am with you always. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

