

REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 9, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Library	Please note that the library will be closed Period 3B. Staff, please pick up your booked Chromebook carts during Period 3A.
Albano	The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on December 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m in the school chapel. Students or staff wishing to participate, please inform Ms. Albano of your intent so she can make this a seamless day. Following confession, staff and students are invited to attend mass in the Chapel at 2:30 p.m.
Albano	"Don't Trust Anyone" Practice today. Meet in front of the cafeteria doors.
Albano	Next pick up for non-perishable is December 14. Please give sooner as we want to deliver by next week.
Albano	If you have a form for Street Patrol or Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream coat, please bring them to Ms. Albano's office anytime today.
Parahoo	<p>Yesterday, Ascension went to the St. Augustine: Battle for the Belt tournament. Our wrestlers performed well! Excellent wrestling skills and technique were demonstrated by Jaspuneet Johal and Kianna Rabess, they got gold, Komal Minhas got silver; Angelina Dela Rosa, Manvir Lally and Angad Johal got bronze. Noteworthy wrestlers were Mankarn Udhehan he got fourth and Troy Dela Cruz got fifth</p> <p>So far this wrestling season, Ascension has attended two tournaments and won 12 medals.</p> <p>Excellent work Wrestlers!</p> <p>Monday after school there is an important meeting, practice and weigh-in. Please meet Mr. Kitson and Mr. Belfiglio in the gym.</p>

DAILY REFLECTION

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

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

“Jesus continued to speak to the crowds about John the Baptist: ‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another’”

I believe some would agree that our hallways are loud. It may feel like a marketplace where people are yelling at each other even though they are standing right beside each other. I get loud. My mom reminds me to lower my voice, especially when I am venting about something at home and we are in the same room.

But why does Jesus make it a point to describe those who heard John the Baptist and did not respond as children in a marketplace? He was pointing out that the noise of your life from what you think is important or right blinds you from hearing and seeing the truth. If you do not take time to silence the mind and disconnect from the virtual world, it will be very difficult to hear God’s voice in your life. It is like a student who vents about their unfair midterm mark, even though the student has not handed in anything or showed up to class. Unable to see and hear that being present and attentive in class or taking the time to listen and learn, or even ask for help, would help in their efforts to do well in class. In the same way, God stands before you, wanting only peace and goodness for you. Why do you let the distractions of this world and your personal conceptions and ideas impede on hearing Him.

Let this Advent be a time to quiet our hearts and minds to know the Lord. May you find the peace you seek and enjoy the joy that comes with this weekend. Let us all pray for the grace, mercy, and healing specifically for Jaden Alfajora’s father and family. May the days ahead be filled with moments for peace and time together. 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 Syria, Afghanistan, 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.

