



principal's newsletter

JANUARY, 1968

THANK YOU - We are grateful to all who sent Christmas greetings and remembrances. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. It is our wish that your new year will be a very happy one which will be filled with many blessings.

CHRISTMAS VACATION - Christmas vacation ends on Tuesday, January 2, 1968, at 8:20 a.m. Regular classes will be held all day Tuesday. The students who were scheduled to have a free day on December 15 will enjoy that postponed free day on January 2. The only students who are to take this free day are those who sold \$25.00 worth of tickets in the Camaro Countdown.

Our Christmas vacation was shorter than usual to allow us to make up some days of instruction so that we might enjoy a longer vacation at Easter time.

UNIFORMS - Because of ample opportunity to have uniforms cleaned and repaired during the Christmas vacation, there will be no non-uniform days during January.

TUITION - Many people take care of their tuition obligation on time. We are grateful to them for this. However, there are some who, for some reason or another, are not able to keep their tuition current. Any student whose tuition is not paid in full as of January 15 will not be allowed to take the semester examinations which will be given during that week. If there is a good reason for the tuition not being paid by that time, prior arrangements must be made with me. We do not want to embarrass any student, so please take care of this matter as soon as possible. Do not wait until the day of the examinations.

SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - You will notice on the calendar that semester examinations are scheduled for January 17, 18 and 19. A ninety-minute examination is administered in all academic subjects. Students who have maintained an "A" average throughout the semester are excused from the examination. All other students must present themselves for the examinations at the scheduled times. Students are free to leave school at the end of the scheduled time for the examination.

REPORT CARDS - Reports of the students' progress during the second quarter and their scores on the semester examinations will be mailed to the parents on January 29.

FILM FESTIVAL - We are very pleased with the interest demonstrated by the large attendance at the December session of the Film Festival. The next film will be David and Lisa on January 24, at 8:00 p.m. Discussion will follow the film and refreshments will be served. We promise to have the sound difficulties corrected for this next film. This enjoyable, educational experience can prove very rewarding to our parents and students.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - We ask your active cooperation in recruiting new students for Gerard High School. The entrance examination for eighth grade students will be administered on Saturday, March 16, 1968, at 8:30 a.m.

WRESTLING - At the December Board meeting of the Gerard Home and School Association, a comprehensive report on the possibility of initiating a wrestling program at Gerard was presented. The Board discussed the report and then voted to assume the financial responsibility for a wrestling program at Gerard. The program for this year will be mainly instructional. Regular competition with schools in our conference will not begin until next school year.

STUDENT HANDBOOK - A faculty committee has been working for several months on the revision of the student handbook. All policies are being reviewed and studied. This project will be continued until it is completed. At that time, we hope to issue a revised handbook. Until that time, the policies of our 1965 handbook will be enforced.

BASKETBALL - If you have not seen the 1967-68 Redcoats basketball team in action, be sure to get to some of the games which will be scheduled during January. An interesting game will be the home game with Bourgade which will be played in St. Mary's gymnasium on Saturday evening, January 13, 1968. It would be a pleasure to have the entire Gerard family out rooting for the Redcoats to defeat the Blue Angels that evening.

SENIOR RETREAT - All members of our senior class will make a retreat at the Franciscan Retreat House in Scottsdale during the second week of March. The boys' retreat is scheduled from Monday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m., to Tuesday, March 12, at 3:00 p.m. The girls' retreat is scheduled from Wednesday, March 13, at 9:00 a.m., until Thursday, March 14, at 3:00 p.m. The offering for the retreat, which includes housing and meals during this time, will be \$10.00 per student. Checks should be made payable to the Franciscan Retreat House. Any arrangements concerning jobs, etc., should be made prior to the retreat.