

Dear GSCS Family,

Happy New Year! I hope you were all able to enjoy the winter break most importantly with your family and friends.

We are now beginning the second half of the school year, and as always things will move rather quickly.

The next few months will be full of things that remind us what makes our GSCS community so great!

We have much to celebrate!

Report Cards: This Friday report cards will be sent home via email and on Tuesday, January 16th, we will celebrate Honor Roll following our school mass. We will also be giving a special award to Zabrina Sanchez, 8th grade, who was recognized for her special talent and was the Runner Up of the 7th – 8th grade division in the Archdiocese of Miami Mission Kids-Christmas Art Contest. We want to thank Mrs. Sanchez and Mrs. Alvarez for their hard work in promoting this contest. In addition, we congratulate all of the students that participated from 2nd through 7th grade.

Coach Ferrer News: Our coach is completing his Master's Degree in School Counseling and will doing an internship as part of the program. We have hired Coach Orama in his place. Coach Ferrer will still be coordinating all of the sport schedules and practices. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments and wish him a successful graduation.

Spotlight on our 8th Grade: Our 8th grade class finally took their high school entrance exams on December 2nd. By January 27th, they will be receiving the results via mail. Our 8th graders tested at Belen Jesuit Prep. School, Christopher Columbus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Brendan High, Immaculate La Salle, and Archbishop Coleman Carroll. We wish all of them the best of luck. The 8th graders participating in the Algebra 1 class completed their quarter exam and scored over the 90th percentile. Congratulations to all of them and to Mrs. Garrido for their hard work and dedication. Our teachers will continue to push them to grow even more by the end of the year, getting them ready for high school.

MAD Scientist Fair: The Mad Scientist Fair was a big success. We had judges from two catholic high schools assist us with the judging. They were very impressed with all of the projects. A big thank you to Mrs. Ramirez for coordinating everything and to the students and parents for their efforts, cooperation, and creativity.

We have much to look forward to!

Catholic School's Week: We will be celebrating CSW from January 29th through February 2nd. Our Open House for new perspective families will be on Friday, January 26th. All are welcomed! We will email a schedule of the different activities that will take place during that week.

1PM Dismissals: We will have 1PM dismissal this Wednesday, January 17th and Friday, February 2nd. The 1pm dismissals for the remainder of the school year have been cancelled as per the Archdiocese. This change will make up for the time lost due to Hurricane Irma.

Home and School: *Our Home and School members have big goals for the remainder of this school year. They are planning a Fashion Show that will take place on Saturday, March 3rd. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.*

School Website: *We are currently working with a company to revamp our school website. It's going to look completely different! As soon as it is ready to be launched, we will send you notification.*

Thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to focus our energies on the remainder of the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Serving children and Christ,

Mrs. Cabrera