



"TAKE A RISK. GET INVOLVED. BE COMMITTED."

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Greetings to the Goetz Community,

As we approach the end of 2024, I would like to take the opportunity to count our blessings as members of the Father Michael Goetz Catholic community. As you know we are blessed to have such an amazing staff that is committed to the social, spiritual, academic, and physical development of our students. I would also like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and thank you to Gloria Kalpakis who will be retiring on December 31st, 2024. On behalf of our Goetz community, we feel very blessed to have benefitted from your genuine care, compassion and support towards our community over the years and we wish you a very enjoyable, healthy and adventurous new chapter in your life. Also, this week, we officially say goodbye to Dr. Ekwu Odozor who will be serving as Principal at Metropolitan Andrei effective January 1st, 2025. Thank you Dr. Odozor for your contributions to our school community and for all the love and care you gave to our staff, students and parents.

Advent is a time of Hope as we wait for the coming of the Light, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is during this time that our community has risen to the challenge and organized so many wonderful events to keep us all engaged and hopeful! We are very thankful for everyone's contributions to our Christmas baskets and especially for living out the true meaning of Christmas which is a time of giving. On behalf of FMG, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

-Ms. Allegretto

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 16TH-DECEMBER 20TH  
CHRISTMAS JOY WEEK

DECEMBER 18TH  
CANDY GRAMS DELIVERIES  
CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT - 2:30

CHRISTMAS 19TH  
CHRISTMAS KAHOOT - LUNCH

DECEMBER 20TH - LUNCH  
CHRISTMAS KAROKE

DECEMBER 23RD - JANUARY 3RD  
CHRISTMAS BREAK



This week, we enter the 3rd week of Advent. The theme for this week is Joy, in anticipation of the soon to be born, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the gospel of Luke 2:7, we hear the following:

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for him in the inn."

As we now approach in merely days the birth of Jesus Christ, we contemplate on the distance that Mary and Joseph were from home and how when seeking a place to stay, were turned away time and time again, resulting in the birth of Jesus in a stable.

Again, Mary wondered why her, why here, and why like this? Yet Mary kept the same attitude and openness she had at the Annunciation many, many weeks before, where she in humility and with great faithfulness, simply answered YES to God's will. She trusted God and for Mary this was enough.

This Christmas season, may we always create room and space for others and the stranger among us. May we continue to open our heart and mind to the experiences and gifts of others. In both humility and patience so that we can always respond to God's holy will.

I would like to wish each of you, all staff and students, your friends and families, a very peaceful and joyous Christmas. Rest assured of my daily prayers and please also remember to pray for me. Merry Christmas Gators. See you in a few weeks. Happy New Year!

THE WELLNESS TEAM INVITES YOU TO OUR 3RD ANNUAL:

*Cozy Christmas Social*

Date: Monday December 16, 2024  
Time: 2:30-4:00 pm  
Where: Library Learning Commons

Wear red, green and white!  
Please bring one non-perishable food item as your ticket to enter.

Meet old friends and new friends!

Enjoy music, board games, crafts, hot chocolate, snacks etc.



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

# Hope



Student Council Presents...  
Movie Event



Wednesday December 18th  
2:30-4:00  
Cafeteria  
\$2 or non-perishable food item to enter



# 2026

London, Paris & Rome

Sign-up for a trip of a lifetime!!  
March Break 2026!!  
Please see Ms. Chiappetta or Mr. Glugosh for details  
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