



Sunday January 5, 2020

Dear Shelton Academy families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a very happy and blessed Christmas and were able to get some rest during these two weeks, and I also hope that you are ready for the new year and the new semester at Shelton! Here at school we are very much looking forward to seeing your kids' smiling faces again this Tuesday morning. At the beginning of the school year I remember saying that you have the best teachers, and you do, the faculty at Shelton Academy is just outstanding. But today, after one semester of school, I can also say with certainty that Shelton Academy has the best families; you are all very dedicated mothers and fathers that make the education of your children a priority. You, the parents, working along with the teachers made for a very successful first half of the year. Thank you. You attended school related evenings, you came to meet with your teachers, had mentoring conferences, helped with school events, participated in field trips, ... everything! And you were always one phone call away. Thank you again. Of course, this is a school, we work with children and so we did have our fair share of issues and situations, but you were always ready and willing to work with us to resolve them and that was key. As we begin the second semester let's please continue our partnership in bringing the best in each one of our students.

Here are the notes for the next two weeks.

- **School Resumes on Tuesday:** after our two-week Christmas break classes resume this Tuesday with regular schedules, those with P.E. classes on Tuesdays please come in your gym uniforms.
- **Early Release Wednesday:** Wednesday January 8th is an early release day; all students in Preschool to 8th grade are dismissed at 2:00pm. After School Care begins promptly at 2:30pm. Please be mindful of the change in dismissal time on this day.

- **School Mass this Friday:** this Friday January 10, at 10:00 am, we have school Mass in our Piazza, the celebrant is Father Fernando Carmona, from Our Lady of Guadalupe parish. All the students are to come in formal uniform on Friday; those having P.E. class will change into gym clothes after Mass. Parents are welcome to attend, just keep in mind that we will not have valet parking available on that day.
- **Upper Academy Midterms:** on Wednesday 01/15 and Thursday 01/16 the Upper Academy students are taking their midterm exams. There are no regular classes for Upper Academy on those two days; they will take one midterm exam in the morning and one in the afternoon, thus completing exams for English, Science, Math, and Social Studies in two days.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Tuesday January 7: Classes resume.
 - Wednesday January 8: Early Release Wednesday.
 - Friday January 10: School Mass at 10:00.
 - Wednesday January 15: Upper Academy Midterms.
 - Thursday January 16: Upper Academy Midterms.
 - Friday January 17: Last Day of 1st Semester.

With my best wishes for the new year 2020,

Juan Mata
Headmaster