

Hello St. Margaret Mary Community,

Happy first day of December! This Sunday marks the First Week of Advent when we light the first purple candle. *"God of light, bring us hope. Help us to find hope in this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Let us light the way in the darkness and make the straight the path to God. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our hope."*

During the month of December we have many activities planned as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Our Catholic Leadership Council will be starting the 12 Days of Christmas on Wednesday. The one activity that I would like to bring to everyone's attention is our canned food and grocery gift card drive. This will officially kick off on Wednesday, December 6 and run until Thursday, December 21. **Your support of non-perishable food items, and especially with grocery store / Walmart gift cards is greatly appreciated.** We will be using this gift cards to support families within our own school community who need a helping hand during the holidays. Any denomination of gift card is truly appreciated. Non-perishable food items will support our community as well. Thank you on behalf of our entire school community!

The December calendar of events can be found here: [December 2023.pdf](#)

Friday, December 8 is Joy Day (dress down in green, red & white)

Wishing everyone a peaceful start to the Advent season,

Mrs. Coletto