



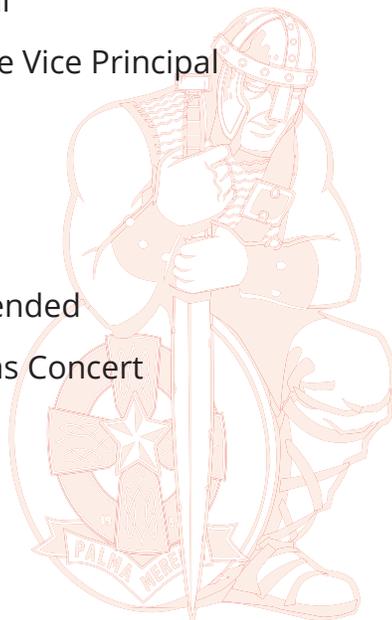
A monthly newsletter for the parents of Palma

DECEMBER 2022



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schedule highlights

Celebrate Advent and our Savior's birth
Wednesday, Nov. 30-Friday, Dec. 2

Mickey Linehan Memorial Basketball Tourn. (8th Gr.)

Thursday, December 1

6:00pm - So. Cal. College Trip Meeting (Virtual)

Monday, December 5

5:30pm - Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

6:30pm - Christmas Concert in Br. Dunne Hall

Wednesday, December 7

Advent Reconciliation in Bl. Edmund Rice Chapel

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses

Friday, December 9

7:00am - Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 13-Thursday, December 15

Study Days - No extracurriculars for grades 7-12

Thursday, December 8-Saturday, December 10

Lucille & Luis Scattini Basketball Tourn. (Var.)

Wednesday, December 14-Friday, December 16

FINALS - NO LATE ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY

Monday, December 19-Friday, January 6

Christmas Vacation - No Classes

Main Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00pm

Monday, December 26

Christmas Day (observed) - School Closed

Monday, January 2

New Year's Day (observed) - School Closed

Monday, January 9

Classes resume



From the President

...there are essential times when teachers and students need a break. At this time of year, and in the weeks ahead, it is for the purpose of family, giving thanks, and appreciating the people around us.

I love our campus when it is at the busiest: young men laughing, running to class, classrooms abuzz with teachers leading their students, activities before and after school, and the sound of whistles blowing from our athletic facilities as our boys train. Young men working every day, whether they know it or not, to better themselves. That said, as I write this just hours before Thanksgiving, I am glad our campus is at a standstill. In the business of Palma School, there are essential times when teachers and students need a break. At this time of year, and in the weeks ahead, it is for the purpose of family, giving thanks, and appreciating the people around us. It is my favorite time of year as my own family has a chance to gather, catch up, and come away with an understanding of the many blessings in my life.

Now I know the next two weeks of school can be anxiety filled for students: last-minute projects, finishing those final assignments, all escalating to finals right before Christmas. A stressful time for students, to be sure, but a process we all went through. They will make it, and if your son is putting in the proper work, it is always good enough. With the hyper-focus on these young men over the next few weeks, I'd ask you to also make them slow down and reflect on the many blessings in their lives. The world today can make the most balanced teenager a self-interested, self-absorbed person. Grades, sports, peer groups, and of course, their digital world, draw these young men into themselves more and more. A trait we all know will not serve them as they mature. Pause within your family to verbalize what you are thankful for, or model to them how that is done. I promise they are watching.

As the school's president, our office is tasked with finding the funds to operationally run our school, fund the \$700,000+ in our tuition assistance program, and continue to grow our school with improvements to the campus. As we finish up this year and you and your family think of your favorite organizations, I'd ask you to think of our school. Thousands of young men have flourished here in its past 71 years of existence, and I promise thousands more are to come.

My best wishes to you and your entire family this holiday season,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Dalman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Dalman" clearly legible.

Chris Dalman '88
President



From the Principal

Let us take time to enter into communion with one another — at the Mass, in our giving and sharing, in the time we spend truly being present to one another.

Dear People of Palma,

The holidays afford us opportunities to be deliberate in our celebration of Jesus as the reason for the season. Our innately human hopes for what is good, true, and beautiful are fully realized in our annual rejoicing of the incarnation of He who *is the way, the truth, and the life*: Jesus Christ. We are reminded that Christmas, Christ's Mass, *begins* after sundown on December 24, and continues long past the sales, and the parties, and mad rush to give gifts before the season really begins. Some local radio stations seem to go "all in" with round-the-clock Christmas songs the moment that Thanksgiving is over — and it's great. But why must it all stop the moment Christmas day has passed? The Church reminds us that Christmas day *BEGINS* the season of Christmas for the next several weeks into January, even. And that we take this time to prepare for Christ's coming with a countercultural practice — to be still, to relish in peace, and quiet — to do *Advent!*

Advent is a season of the Church wherein we commit ourselves to *quiet* our busy lives; we spend some time in solitude; we pray with more intensity; we give to those who need; we hope for Christ's *coming* with an expectant fervor that prepares us to receive him. Being still, quiet, to relish in peace is perhaps harder than ever before. We live in a culture that puts TVs in every room and in our cars, streaming from every personal device we can hold, smart phones in our pocket that dominate every moment when we are alone, and even sometimes when we are not. How can we prepare for his coming into our homes, into our hearts (now and at the end of time), and into the specialness of this season that makes giving so much richer amid so much noise?

Advent is a new season in the Liturgical Calendar, from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." This is a time of *expectant waiting*. It is represented by a blue-purple color that represents the night sky before the dawn of the rising sun. A time to remember the coming of *the Son*, who is the light that extinguishes the darkness, as the first chapter of John proclaims. With each new Sunday, we light candles in an advent wreath of evergreen rich with symbols to remind ourselves of this most important truth.

Let us take time this Advent to pray *with* our families and our loved ones, and to put some perspective on the commercial frenzy that secularizes the holiness of this time. Let us take time to enter into *communion* with one another — at the Mass, in our giving and sharing, in the time we spend truly being present to one another. One need not be Catholic, nor even Christian, in order to recommit oneself to this terrific pathway to joy and happiness. We welcome and cherish our students of all backgrounds, blessed abundantly with varied customs and beliefs. And we challenge them to give of themselves through their knowledge, service, and leadership. The Lord Jesus wouldn't have it any other way. Merry Christmas, Palma! *Go Chieftains!*

Yours in Blessed Edmund Rice,

Mr. David J. Sullivan
Principal



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Finals Are Here

Semester exams will soon be upon us, with finals for grades 7 through 12 beginning on Wednesday, December 15 (please see the note regarding grade 6 at the bottom). Exams are arranged by class period over three minimum days. Students are required to remain in the exam room for at least one hour but have nearly two hours to complete the exam. The final-exam grade is separate from the two quarter grades and may count for up to 20% of the semester grade depending on the level of the class. Teachers will be preparing students throughout December to be sure they understand the weight and format of the final for their specific classes.

The schedule is as follows: **Please note that Thursday, December 15, is not a Late Arrival Schedule.**

Wednesday, December 14	Thursday, December 15	Friday, December 16
Period 1 - 8:30 to 10:20	Period 3 - 8:30 to 10:20	Period 6 - 8:30 to 10:20
Period 2 - 10:30 to 12:20	Period 4/5 - 10:30 to 12:20	Period 7 - 10:30 to 12:20

Students do not take finals during exam week in PE, Health, and art and music classes. The two AP classes meeting during zero period will take their exams during the last two days of regular classes on Monday, December 12, and Tuesday, December 13. **If a student does not have an exam during a given period on the three exam days, he is not required to be on campus at that time.** For instance, a junior high student who has PE during period 1 would not need to be at Palma during the period 1 exam block on Wednesday; likewise, a high school student in Studio Art period 4 would not be expected to be here during the period 4/5 block on Thursday. **Parents should review their son's schedule on FACTS to know when he will be taking his exams.** Teachers will also relay the schedule to students in class and post times on homework pages. A number of common areas will be open and supervised for those who wish to remain on campus to study when they do not have an exam.

It is extremely important that families plan for their sons to be here throughout finals week, as teachers will not be administering exams before that week to accommodate travel plans. If an unplanned absence occurs, such as due to illness, students will need to make independent arrangements with their teacher for a make-up, perhaps during the afternoon on the exam days if possible. Students unable to take finals during exam week will make them up during the first two days of the second semester when classes resume (Monday, January 9, and Tuesday, January 10).

The Cislini Study Center will be open December 14 through December 16 from 7:30am to 1:00pm, and *a la carte* food items will be available for purchase all three days.

Those with questions about the exam schedule are invited to contact me at viarengo@palmaschool.org.

Note to Parents/Guardians of Students in Grade 6: Sixth graders will also have minimum days ending at 12:20pm on Wednesday, December 14; Thursday, December 15; and Friday, December 16. Please watch for emails from Ms. Langmann and Mr. Silva with details about the assessments and activities happening during those three days.



Chieftain Athletics

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Go Chieftains!

We had successful fall campaigns that included post-season action. Palma's football team earned Gabilan League Champions and their playoff appearance marked the 39th year in a row. Congratulations to Coach Carnazzo '85 for his 201st win making him the winningest high school football coach in Monterey County history.

We kick off the winter sports season with two well-known tournaments. The Mickey Linehan Memorial Basketball Tournament began on November 30th and runs through December 2nd. Named for a Chieftain who lost his battle with leukemia when he was an eighth grader here, the Mickey Linehan is the only junior high level basketball tournament in our league.

The following week, December 8th through 10th will mark the 53rd annual Lucille and Luis Scattini Basketball Tournament. A hoops tradition which has been a part of the local landscape since 1970, the Scattini Tournament was renamed in 1983 in honor of Luis and again in 2013 to also honor Lucille. Luis and Lucille were local farmers who dedicated their lives to many organizations, Palma School being included on their list.

Put your name up in lights

Put your company name or family message on our scoreboards. Your message will appear on the Holaday Seed Scoreboard in the gym and on the 17-foot video scoreboard during contests on our track, field and baseball stadium. Contact Mr. Bishop at bishop@palmaschool.org for more details.



Palma School Crab Feed

Saturday, February 11th is the annual Palma School Crab Feed benefiting Palma Athletics. The event will be in the Steve Clayton Memorial Gym. Complete details will be coming soon.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the football, water polo, cross country and junior high athletes who participated in our fall peer-to-peer campaign to help fund Palma School athletics. We are looking forward to a successful winter campaign

Palma School Athletics App

Our athletics app contains schedules, rosters and updated scores. It is part of the "gochieftains" website. Look for the app at Apple and android app stores.

Volunteers are wanted

To host successful winter sporting events, **we need your help!** Please visit the athletics council page on our website at <https://palmaschool.org/athletics> for more information on volunteering at these events. There is something for everyone to support your Chieftain athletics programs.

For all of your daily athletic updates please follow me on twitter at [@Coach_Rbishop](https://twitter.com/Coach_Rbishop). I tweet upcoming game times for all sports each week as well as results and other fun information regarding Palma Athletics.





Guidance Department

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College deadlines are coming fast!

PSAT results

High school students who took the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test) last October will be able to access their scores on-line beginning December 5th in their collegeboard account. Scores will be uploaded into their Naviance account the first week of December. While there have been a lot of changes at College Board, the best news is their partnership with Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org). Students are able to link their PSAT scores directly to free testing materials from Khan. Many of the recent changes to the SAT make it more similar to the ACT, and so even if a student plans on taking the ACT, the test prep materials from Khan should still prove to be very helpful.

Southern California college trip

There is a mandatory informational Zoom meeting for all parents and students attending the college trip on Thursday, December 1st at 6:00pm via Zoom. The link was emailed on November 29th and will be emailed again on December 1st. We will be discussing the details of the trip, including: itineraries, expectations, selecting roommates, and guidelines for the students. In addition to the above items, there will be an opportunity to ask any other questions you might have regarding the trip. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Short at short@palmaschool.org or by phone at 831-422-6391.

Attention seniors

Many colleges/universities have a January 1st deadline. Please make sure you have requested letters of recommendation for your common app. schools and that you have met with your counselor before you go on Christmas vacation. Once again, your deadline is our deadline. Do not assume your teachers and counselors will be available to write letters of recommendation during their vacation, many will be out of town. So please plan ahead.

Tips for student athletes

When it comes to athletic scholarships and college sports recruiting, it is important for you to become familiar with the rules and regulations surrounding the various college associations, conferences, and divisions. Violation of the rules, even while still in high school, can result in ineligibility in your future athletic career. Your first task should be to determine to which associations (NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA) your prospective colleges and universities belong, and then carefully review those group's websites.

College-bound student-athletes preparing to enroll in a Division I or Division II school need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to ensure they have met amateurism standards and are academically prepared for college coursework. Before you can make official visits or sign a letter of intent you must be registered.

Future dates

- **Southern CA College Trip Mandatory Parent/ Student Meeting** Thurs., Dec. 1 at 6:00pm via Zoom
- **Southern CA College Trip** Tues., Feb. 14, 2023 - Sat. Feb. 18, 2023

Schedule of SAT/ACT test dates for 2023

	Test Date	Register by	Late Reg. Deadline*
ACT	Feb 11	Jan 6	Jan 20
SAT	Mar 11	Feb 10	Feb 28
ACT	Apr 15	Mar 10	Mar 24
SAT	May 6	Apr 7	Apr 25
SAT	Jun 3	May 4	May 23
ACT	Jun 10	May 5	May 19
ACT	Jul 15	Jun 16	Jun 23

* A late fee will be added after the "Register by" date.

Parents' Club

PARENTS' CLUB WEB PAGE: [HTTPS://PALMASCHOOL.ORG/PARENTS-CLUB/](https://palmaschool.org/parents-club/)
EMAIL: PARENTSCLUB@PALMASCHOOL.ORG



Painting with a Twist on November 9th



Painting with a twist

Palma parents enjoyed an evening of painting, wine, and refreshments at our Fall Paint Night on November 9th. Everyone's pumpkins turned out great!

Parents' Club has a fun holiday surprise planned for our hardworking Palma teachers and staff on December 14th. If you would like to be involved with this effort, please email parentsclub@palmaschool.org

Save the date!

The High School Mother-Son Dinner & Dance will be held on March 4th at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

A **St. Patrick's Luncheon** committee meeting will be held on January 11th at 6:00pm in the Cislini Conference Room. We need new members to help plan our biggest fundraiser of the year. Email parentsclub@palmaschool.org to get involved!

Our next Parents' Club meeting will be held on January 23rd, at 6:30pm in the CSC. There is no meeting in December.

See's Candies Winter Fundraiser DEADLINE EXTENDED

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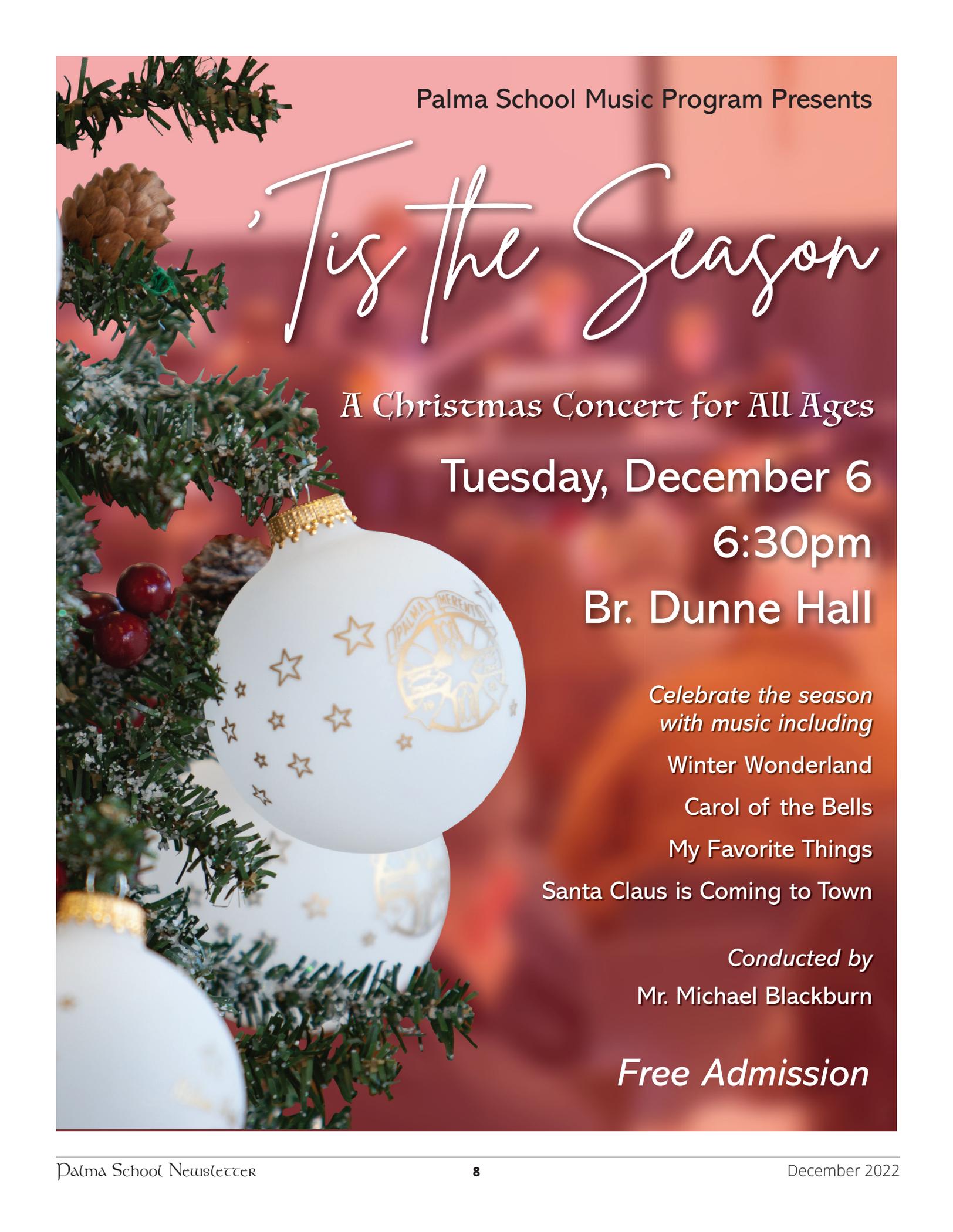
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FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
St. Patrick's Luncheon

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
11:00 am - 1:30 pm



Palma School Music Program Presents

'Tis the Season

A Christmas Concert for All Ages

Tuesday, December 6

6:30pm

Br. Dunne Hall

*Celebrate the season
with music including*

Winter Wonderland

Carol of the Bells

My Favorite Things

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Conducted by

Mr. Michael Blackburn

Free Admission

PALMA SCHOOL GIVING TUESDAY 2022

There's Still Time

The Palma community came together on Tuesday, November 29th and generously donated more than \$66,929. Despite having shattered our goal, you can still join in the effort with a tax-deductible donation. The window is open until December 3rd.

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PALMALUMNI WEBCAST SERIES

A weekly Webcast Series hosted by Abe Lincoln '88 has launched and you don't want to miss it. Interviews of Palma Alumni from a diverse range of backgrounds, spanning several decades, career fields, and interests discuss their experiences at Palma and life after graduation. To watch, [CLICK HERE](#)

PALMA SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			\$8 1 Spaghetti with meatballs	\$8 2 Asada fries <i>or</i> Chicken Caesar salad
\$8 5 BBQ tri-tip sandwich with grilled onions & cheese	\$8 6 Chicken fried rice	\$8 7 Chile verde burrito with rice, beans, cheese & salsa	\$8 8 Teriyaki wings w/ fries <i>or</i> Bacon chicken sandwich with lettuce, tomato & cheese	\$8 9 Blackened chicken pasta
\$8 12 Chicken enchilada with rice	\$8 13 Beef stew over polenta	14 FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>	15 FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>	16 FINALS <i>A la carte menu</i>
19	29	21	22	23
CHRISTMAS BREAK — NO CLASSES				
26	27	28	29	30
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Daily Breakfast		Daily Lunch		Beverages, Sides & Treats	
Breakfast Burrito <i>egg, cheese & sausage or chorizo</i>	\$6	Hamburger	\$7	Bottled Water	\$1
Breakfast Sandwich <i>egg, cheese, ham, tomato on sourdough</i>	\$6	Cheeseburger	\$8	La Croix	\$1
French Toast	\$6	French Fries	\$4	Gatorade, Vitamin Water, etc.	\$2
Pancakes (2)	\$5	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Chips	\$1
Muffin or Pastry	\$2	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$7	Cookie	\$1
Grilled Bagel <i>with cream cheese</i>	\$2	<i>All sandwiches served with lettuce, tomato and onion</i>		Muffin, Bread, Pastry	\$2

We accept cash, debit/credit cards, Apple Pay and Google Pay. There may be substitutions due to supply issues.