Greetings Imagine Andrews Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into December! We ended the month of November with some exciting events. The month of December will be equally as packed with events, important dates and celebrations.

During the month of December scholars in grades 1-8 will take the Winter administration of the STAR Assessment. Scholars in the 8th grade will be taking the PSAT Assessment in preparation for applying to specialty high schools. All 8th graders will take this assessment this year. Families will receive notice of the exact days. Please make sure that scholars get the appropriate amount of rest the night before and a light breakfast in the morning, on these days.

As we move into the Winter months, please be reminded that it is imperative that parents bring scholars to school on time. Starting in December there will be an increase in inclement weather. The carline is more of a challenge on those days. Please be reminded that for the safely and well being of our staff members, we will not be outside on days when there is rain, heavy snow or when the temperature is below 32 degrees. The doors will continue to open at 8:15 a.m. (8:05 a.m. for breakfast). It is imperative that families arrive in time for scholars to be in their seats by 8:30. On days when we have inclement weather, we will extend the time based on the severity of the weather. We also ask that you do not drop scholars off prior to 8:00 a.m. Often times, scholars are dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. with no supervision. This is an extreme safety hazard.
A Message from the Principal

Due to the reality that the above process gives most parents a 15-minute window to arrive and depart in the morning, we are encouraging families to take advantage of our “Kiss & Ride” process. We are asking that families in grades 5-8 drop off and pick up scholars from scholars in the lot further down at San Antonio & Yuma. Younger siblings of those scholars are encouraged to walk with their older siblings. Those scholars will be dismissed as walkers during dismissal. We are asking that interested parties start this process immediately so that we can monitor it and work out any kinks by January. We ask that you enter the lot from San Antonio Blvd. and exit on Yuma heading towards the Youth Development Center. We will share more information regarding this process before the winter break.

As I am sure the month of December will fly by, we want to make sure to make these last days before the winter break matter. We are committed to ensuring that quality instruction is taking place in every classroom. We started the year with a few open positions. I am pleased to announce that we have filled the technology position. Mr. Moore has hit the ground running with some exciting activities for grades K-8th. We are currently interviewing for our middle school math and art positions. We plan to have those filled before January 3rd, if not sooner.

Kudos to Mr. Connelly for stepping up and providing quality math instruction for our middle school scholars until we fill that position. I would also like to thank the intermediate and middle school teams for their support during this shortage.

Thank you to all of our Imagine Andrews families for the continuous support, partnering & collaboration. I look forward to ending 2016 on a great note!

All The Best,

H. Douglas Rice II, Principal
Imagine Andrews Public Charter School
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Our 5th Annual Imagine Andrews Winter Concert will take place. Students in grades K-4 will perform vocal selections and select students in grades 3-8 will perform vocal or instrumental ensembles during the evening program. Students are to wear their school uniforms to these performances. Your children have been working on selections for this program for quite some time, and have been invited to come perform them for their friends and families. Performers for the evening program should report to the media center and designated classrooms at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of December 14, 2016.

Below you will find the show times for each grade level.

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| K           | 8:45-9:15 a.m.    | “The Sounds of Santa’s Workshop”  
“Blitzen Boogie” |
| 1           | 8:45-9:15 a.m.    | “Nice Not Naughty”  
“Someone in the Chimney” |
| 2           | 9:20-10:05 a.m.   | “Have A Happy Holiday” |
| 3           | 9:20-10:05 a.m.  
6:00-7:00 p.m. | “Chanukah Oh Chanukah”  
“Oh Christmas Tree” |
| 4           | 9:20-10:05 a.m.  
6:00-7:00 p.m. | “The Holiday Spirit”  
“Deck the Halls”  
“Minka” |
| Band        | 6:00-7:00 p.m.    | “Jingle Bell Rock” |
| String Orchestra | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | “Jingle Bells” |
December Schedule

12/1: Joint Base Andrews Tree Lightning 5:00-5:30 pm (parents)
12/5: STAR Testing begins
12/6: PSAT 8th graders
12/7: 2hr. Early Dismissal
12/8: Open House for Interested Parents 5:30-7:00 p.m.
12/13: Make-up picture Day
12/14: Winter Music Program
   9:00 a.m. (Grades K-4)
   6:00 p.m. (Grades 4-8)
12/15: Board Meeting
12/21: Progress Reports Released

Monday, December 5, 2016 @ Massie, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 12, 2016 @ Foulios, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 @ Drew Freeman, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19, 2016 @ Stoddert, 6:00 p.m.
December 2016

New School Volunteer Policy:

All volunteers – such as mentors, interns, tutors, and chaperones - must undergo a fingerprint background check and child protective service clearance at least 14 days in advance of the day field trip, overnight trip or activity on or off school property. A fingerprint background check must be initiated through the PGCPS Fingerprinting Office before performing duties and the child protective services clearance must be initiated through Human Resources. (Cost of Fingerprint Background Check $56.57)

Any parent/guardian who needs assistance covering the cost of a fingerprint background check, and whose child(ren) qualify for free and reduced priced meals, may request waiver of the background check fee by providing a copy of their eligibility letter from the PGCPS Department of Food and Nutrition Services.

To learn more information, please access the following website: http://www1.pgcps.org/fingerprinting/