

ADVENT ANGELS

PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES

Dec. 5 – Dec. 20, 2023

Advent is a time of preparation- an opportunity to practice being thoughtful - to see a need in our neighbor and to fill that need in charity. What do our SMA friends and neighbors truly need? Prayers, forgiveness and tokens of encouragement, like homemade cards, notes, riddles, poems, a wildflower, a drawing, a home-baked muffin are true gifts. St. Monica Academy does not wish to promote shopping or candy-consumption during Advent, a penitential season. Naturally, children want to shop and give expensive gifts. It is up to the adults to remind them what Advent is really about, and say “No.” “Make a card.” “Give alms.” Therefore, we ask teachers, students and parents to follow these guidelines regarding Advent Angels:

- 1. For Grades 1 – 2: Homeroom teachers will email parents**
- 2. For Grades 3 – 8: Acts of charity and small meaningful tokens, rather than financially extravagant gifts. The final gift should cost no more than \$5-\$10, if it comes from the store.**
- 3. For High School: Acts of charity and small meaningful tokens, rather than financially extravagant gifts. The final gift should cost no more than \$15-25, if it comes from the store.**

Thank you for your support in making this a meaningful opportunity for the practice of charity without relying on parents' wallets.

Friday, December 15 is the scheduled Advent Angel gift exchange for high school. Please bring your final gift on that day.

Wednesday, December 20 is the scheduled Advent Angel gift exchange for Grade 1 - 8. Please bring your final gift on that day.