



## Principal's Message

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday even though it may have looked different from past celebrations. As we move into this season of Advent, waiting for the birth of Jesus, we also pray for Jesus to be born in our hearts, homes, and communities. I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful Advent season.

Next Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. Due to technical challenges, we are unable to celebrate Mass as a school community. However, we will have a prayer service to commemorate this celebration of Mary. Families who would like to celebrate Mass together at home can find options for doing so by clicking this [link](#).

The first trimester ends this Friday, December 4. **Report cards will be available to families through the Educate Parent Portal on December 11.** Directions for accessing this portal were emailed in October from [dfrendt@independencemissionschools.org](mailto:dfrendt@independencemissionschools.org). **If you are still having trouble accessing the portal, please contact your child's teacher.**

God Bless,  
Ms. Nobles  
Principal

### Virtual School Hours

*Beginning of instruction --8:00 AM*  
*End of instruction--2:45 PM (M-Th), 10:30-11:00 (F)*  
*Teacher Office Hours--11:00-12:00 Fridays*

### Meal Distribution

Student meals are provided each week on Thursday (12-3) and Friday (7-12). Families can come on either day to pick up meals for their student for the week.

## Distance Learning Support

**If you are in need of a device for your child, please contact your child's teacher.**

Independence Mission Schools has created a [Family Portal](#) where families can find answers to questions they might have, including [technology support](#)!

On the SMT [website](#) you can find [teacher websites](#), all [communications](#) sent about distance learning, and [technology tips](#) for parents!

## Important Dates:

12/4--First Trimester ends  
12/11--Report Cards available  
12/23--Noon dismissal  
12/24-1/1--Christmas break  
1/4--Classes resume  
1/18--Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--No classes  
1/28--Noon dismissal  
1/29--IMS Professional Development, No classes

## Administration Office Hours over Zoom

Click the link during the day/times listed below to stop in with questions or concerns! No appointment needed.

[Ms. Nobles](#)--Tuesdays 2-3 PM  
[Ms. Mychack](#)--Fridays 11 AM-12 PM  
[Miss McCoog](#)--Fridays 9 AM-10 AM

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