



# WEEKLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 6 - DECEMBER 10, 2021

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & PRINCIPAL

Dear PMA families,

*"Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return."  
Pope Francis,*



This week we have experienced the shift that December brings. Christmas decorations everywhere, holiday cards in your mailbox, conversations about who will host the family gathering, Christmas wish lists being created, and countless other holiday related activities. This list of to dos grows and we experience a bit more stress. Close your eyes. Take a few breaths. Remember why we celebrate.

This season is a time to simply be with one another to reflect on our faith journeys. It is a time to love one another as Jesus taught and commanded us to do. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season sometimes gets in the way, and it's okay to reset our expectations of the season. Advent helps us to do this every day through the specific readings and reflections shared in daily mass. Here is a tool to use to help guide you and your family through the advent season. Click [here](#). When we start our days with a reminder of the why behind the what, we will maneuver through our days with a little more joy, a little more enthusiasm, a little more grace.



God Bless,  
Dr. De Larkin & Mrs. Zozaya





# Schedule for Week 16

DECEMBER 6 – 10, 2021

**Monday, 12/6: Red (3:10 pm Dismissal)**

**Tuesday, 12/7: Grey (3:10 pm Dismissal)**

**Wednesday, 12/8: Block A (2:55 pm Dismissal)**

**Thursday, 12/9: Block B (12:50 pm Early Dismissal)**

**Friday, 12/10: Black (3:10 pm Dismissal)**



**Wednesday is Formal Dress**



## Some highlights of the week...





*9th Annual*  
**CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
LIGHTING**

*Wednesday, December 8 | 6:00 pm  
O'Connor Gym*

Performances by:  
Partner School Choirs  
& PMA Music Ministry

Special guest from the North Pole!

Refreshments & hot cocoa sale

7851 Gardendale St. Downey, CA 90242

We invite the entire Warrior community to join together to celebrate PMA's advent tradition, our 9th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting next Wednesday. The event will take place just outside of the gym and will create a great memory for your whole family, especially those who want to say hi to our special guest from the North Pole.

# PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Donations needed.

ASB is requesting donations of purchased pastries/donuts for the ASB Concessions table at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Wednesday Dec. 8.  
1 service hour per 10 items donated.

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ACADEMICS

Ms. Washington



## 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR - WEEK 17: FINAL EXAMS WEEK

Final Exams are approaching. During Week 17 (12/13 - 12/15) we will follow a special schedule for Final Exams Week.

- **Mon. 12/13 - Final Exams Day 1:**  
Final Exams for Periods 0, 1 & 2
- **Tues. 12/14 - Final Exams Day 2:**  
Final Exams Exams for Periods 3 & 4
- **Wed. 12/15 - Final Exams Day 3:**  
Final Exams for Period 5 & 6

Final Exams Week marks the end of the Fall Semester (Fall 2021). The grades earned at the close of the semester will be reflected on each student's academic transcript. It is essential that all students earn a passing grade (C or above) in each of their courses (to meet both high school graduation and college admission requirements). The grades earned at the close of this semester will also determine student eligibility for co-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, etc.).

**Students must be present for and complete their final exams for each class period on the indicated exam date.**



## DEAN OF STUDENT SUCCESS

Ms. Valenzuela



Juniors and Sophomores,

Have you registered to attend the **Spring College Tour**? If not, don't worry, we have been able to get an extension to the initial deposit deadline for those that need it. Please register and pay the initial deposit this month.

The college tour includes visits to UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, UC Berkeley and San Jose State University. The tour is scheduled from April 6-8, 2022.

Register online at [www.istcampustours.com](http://www.istcampustours.com) and pay the initial deposit of \$100.

Read the attached flyer for more information and share with your parents.

Stop by my office if you have any questions,  
Ms. Valenzuela Room 123



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**Sixteenth page**  
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6. Customize your ad by adding copy and uploading your photos. You will receive an instant digital proof before you place your order. Once you accept online, that is exactly how it will appear. The school will then place it in the appropriate ad section for you.

## DEADLINE

# JAN. 28th

**If you have any questions please call:**

Call us M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CST 1-877-723-6344

**Place your order before the January deadline!**

# ATHLETICS

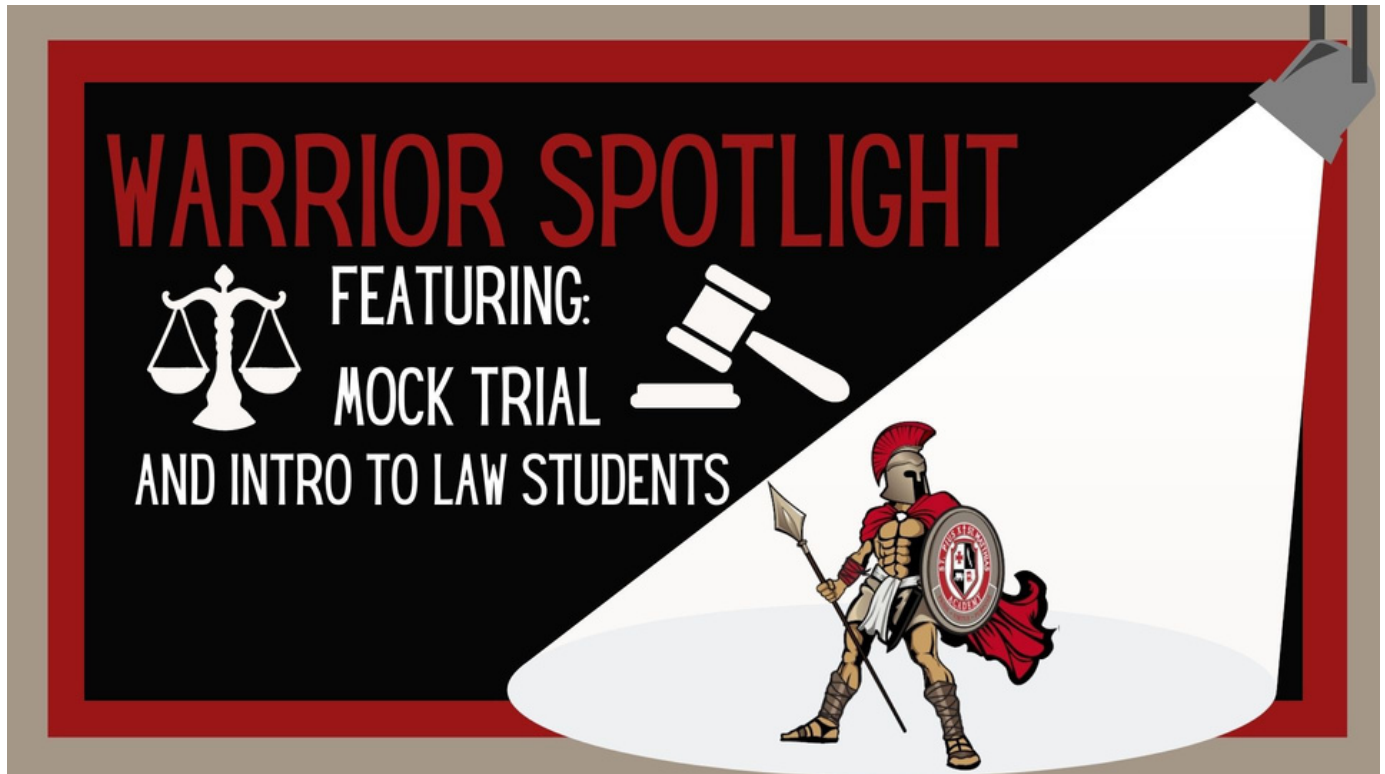
Congratulations to Varsity Football for exceeding all expectations this year! They journeyed through a tough season and even tougher D7 playoff bracket. In 2019, last time there were playoffs, the Warriors were placed in the D14 playoff bracket and ultimately lost in the championship. With the growth of the program, we were moved up 7 divisions and challenged to compete at the highest level the program has seen. We are all proud of their effort and thank the Warrior community for coming out to support at last Saturday's game.



Warriors are now competing in our Winter sports. Come out and support our Warriors Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Soccer, and Boys Soccer teams as they begin their pre-season contests! Check the school calendar for home games every week and let's pack the house! Go Warriors!

# WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Check out the most recent Warrior Spotlight. It features 3 members of PMA's Mock Trial team reflecting on their season. You will also learn a little bit about PMA's dual enrollment Law Course.



HAPPY  
December

A green Christmas tree with a single star on top, positioned to the right of the word "HAPPY".