

Harrison Leadership Days: This was a three day conference for all CISVA principals. The keynote speaker was Alexandre Havard, who spoke about virtuous leadership.

Advent Celebrations: All classes are busy with their Advent celebrations.

- **Staffing Update:** Some changes will be made to the teaching staff effective on January 5th due to Mrs. Clarissa Teodosio's maternity leave:
~Mrs. Georgina Mallari will go from Grade 2 to Grade 5 to job share with Mrs. Alvina Wan.
~Ms. Jennifer Wu will go from Grade 5 to Grade 2 with Mrs. Clarissa Teodosio until she leaves for her maternity leave. Ms. Jennifer Wu will remain in Grade 2 full time.
- **Ms. Boily (Teacher On Call):** An email was sent regarding Ms. Boily being affected by the recent fire at a Steveston apartment.

Pastor's Report

Father Thomas Smith reported on the following:

- Confession: lots of opportunities for Confession, refer to the parish bulletin.
- Simbang Gabi Masses: Filipino Catholic tradition which is a novena of masses.
- Schedule Masses for Christmas at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. If lights are dimmed for Midnight Mass, we have to consider safety first.
- The Parish Council has numerous community events planned.

Member Reports

Staff

Mrs. Gail Imoo reported the following:

- This year's Christmas play is an original play called "Toy To the World," written by Mr. Robert Kirkham.
- Lots of work and many hours have been contributed to the play from our teachers.
- The song rehearsals are going well.
- We are renting the sound gear this year. Our alumni Mr. Jacob Mallari will be helping out with sound again.
- Thank you to the concert staff leads, Mr. Robert Kirkham, Ms. Clarissa Guevara, and Ms. Alina Meyer.

Maintenance

Mrs. Imelda Yuen reported:

- The Work Party is scheduled this Saturday.
- We will need a new contact for tennis balls for our chairs. Fr. Smith will contact Mr. Patrick Mackin.

- Our new batch of tennis balls should be cut narrower so they fit the chair legs better.

Treasurer

Mr. Stephen Litam reported that the budget looks healthy with a current surplus of \$92,846.36.

IT

Mr. Joseph Lo reported via email:

- IT devices were purchased during the Black Friday Sale.
 - 35 Chromebooks for \$199.99 (regular price \$369.99)
 - 31 iPads for \$379 (24), \$399 (4), and \$429 (3) (regular price \$499) - thank you to Carolyn, Harry, and Jason Chiu.
 - 3 staff laptops
- Devices will be set up over the holidays.
- Access points not updated yet, we will try over the holidays to see if we can repair the existing one, if not they will need to be replaced.
- The IT Team looked into the Christmas Celebration seating reservation system. Unfortunately, we do not have enough time to configure and implement this immediately. We will need to make note of the seats this year and see if we can create a seating chart.
- Followed up with Mr. Patrick Guevara to confirm video recording of the Christmas Celebration. I will be able to post the video to the website once I receive the recording. Notification should be sent out to remind the parents/grandparents that a video of the full concert will be available online to watch and download.
- The Internet plan is expiring soon, I will follow up with Rogers/Shaw to see if there are any deals for renewal.

Parent Participation

Mrs. Kitty Estrella and Mr. Harry Chik reported:

- One family will relocate and leave the school, leaving an opening in December. A parish volunteer has filled these shifts.
- The new schedule has been given to Mrs. Christine Ong.
- The new Parent Participation form is complete.
- Some parents are still not getting email reminders regarding their bingo shift. Can we include this in the Thursday letters? Ms. Maureen Griffin has asked Mrs. Kitty Wong to send the schedule link and she will include this in the Thursday letters.
- December 31st, 2026 Thursday bingo lands on New Year's Eve, which also coincides with a Knights of Columbus event. Fr. Smith has suggested that we

cancel both Thursday, December 24th and Thursday, December 31st bingo evenings.

Parish Council

The council has numerous community events planned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm with a closing prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 at 7:00 pm.