

December 21, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to share a poem with you that really sums up what we believe about Christmas. Over the years it has become one of my favorites.

**A Night of Faith
By Jennifer Seriberlich**

**Long ago, in a place of old,
There lay a child bright and bold.**

**In a crib of hay and warm candlelight
and an unknown future of deep set fright.**

**Comforted by a mother of purity,
Who offered all a mother's security.**

**Angels sang of a new birth
as three kings traveled far across the earth.**

**To travel to the east and follow the star of light,
that shone forth to announce the Lord's delight.**

**And bring gifts to the child of gold, frankincense and
to rejoice in happiness but not as to stir.**

**Cold in the air but warm in spirit
All mankind is to be let known of it.**

**Thousands of years have thus passed,
but the stories of our Savior still last.**

**Christmas brings us a glimmer of hope to
Remind us of love and of God above.**

Thanks to all of you who attended the Children's Mass this past Sunday. Even though the children are obligated to be there it is important to say thanks. I realize how demanding your schedules can be. The next Children's Mass is on January 15th at 9:00 AM. I look forward to 100% participation from the Catholic students.

Thanks also to all of you who attended the Breakfast with Santa last Sunday. The event was well attended and I especially enjoyed the chance to serve the fried potatoes. The PTO did a fantastic job organizing the event. Way to go girls!

The school collected \$800 in the Santa's Secret Helpers collection. The money collected was distributed to selected families to make their Christmas and New Years a little brighter. Thank you for your generosity because I know that it come from the heart. Bless you for your kindness.

Remember to check the new calendar that is on line. The PTO order form for lunch on January 6 has been attached. Please make sure that you place your order.

The letter of intent to return is also an attachment. So far we have about a 55% response. If you have not sent yours back, please, do so immediately. If you have not filled out your SMART applications yet, do so by December 31st. If you do not fill out the application, financial assistance cannot be awarded to you.

Remember that there is no school on Friday, December 23rd, thanks to the generosity of Father Rocco.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you and may God's face shine on you and your home as we celebrate these special days of Christmastime and begin a New Year.

Sincerely,