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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The greeting, "Happy New Year," is such a common one that we sometimes take those words for granted. In the last twelve months many have experienced a serious illness, a move, a deployment or a loss of some kind, as well as everyday ups and downs. Whatever the circumstances of this past year, we know that God was with us every step of the way and that we were supported by the prayers and love of others. As we begin this new year, my hope and prayer for each of us is that we will be able to recognize the "happiness" of each day so that this truly will be a happy new year.

Weren't our Christmas celebrations spectacular? The Christmas Choir Concert was a musical work of art! Our school Christmas program was truly a gift of love from each of us to each of you. Our Arts Alive group provided a beautiful reflection on the wonder and awe of Christmas. Finally, our choir did an outstanding job on Christmas Eve at the Cathedral. Thank you to the adults and students who made all of these opportunities possible. Each event was a reminder of the goodness of God, the talent of our students and staff and the kindness of so many people. We have been so blessed!

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Nikol Michailos, our fifth grade teacher, who completed her Masters Degree in Education on December 19th. What a wonderful accomplishment! We are so very proud of her!

Although the first semester of school ended on December 19th, you may have noticed that you have not received your child's report card. The report cards will be sent home with the children on Wednesday, January 10th. Please be on the lookout for it. Conferences are not scheduled at this time. However, if you would like to meet with your child's teacher regarding grades or class achievement, please do not hesitate to contact her for an appointment.

The annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week will begin with a celebration on Sunday, January 28th. Students and families from our school will be involved in the various ministries at Mass on that day and our choir will lead the singing. Please plan to attend this parish celebration of our school's 61 years of Catholic Education.

Just after Thanksgiving, you should have received information about our upcoming Science Fair which will be held on Wednesday, January 31st. Students in grades 4-6 are required to prepare a project for the Science Fair; all other grades are optional. Specific information will be coming home in the next week or so.

Please hold our counselor, Ms. Debbie West in prayer. Her mother died after being ill for several weeks.

As I end this letter, I would like to express my thanks to you for your help and support during the first half of the school year. Your smiles, encouragement, suggestions, comments and prayers have helped to make this a successful school year. It is a privilege to be part of Nativity School and to have the opportunity to work with you and your child. This month, we are called to peace. May we bring about peace to those around us through our thoughts, words and actions. May God bless you!