



December 13, 2018

Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

The Christmas season certainly is upon us in full force! I know the children are getting more excited each day, and full of what they want for Christmas. I do hope you can take some time to help them think of other family members, maybe elderly friends or neighbors, who may be lonely or forgotten over the holidays. Is there something your child could do for them or make for them? Even just a visit, a homemade card, or singing a favorite carol for them can do so much for both the giver and the receiver! We do want our children to know that Christmas is first of all, Christ's birthday – not theirs! And secondly a time to give, not just receive. What can they give you? Doing chores without complaining? A little quiet time? Help with younger siblings? It's good for the students to think of others, and do even what small things they might to help make everyone's holidays brighter!

Our Christmas break (last day for classes is Wednesday, Dec. 19) also ends our second quarter of the school year. Report cards will be coming as soon as the students return on January 3, 2019.

Monday, Dec. 17, the seventh graders from St. Mary School will be the guests of our seventh graders here. St. Mary's has been very generous to our students over the past several years, providing Christmas gifts and snacks for the holidays. We want to thank them for their generosity, and wish them a very blessed Christmas!

Our second, third and fourth graders did an awesome job on their production of the Christmas musical, **Christmas around the World** this past Tuesday. Congratulations to all, and especially to Mrs. Cooper, our incomparable music teacher. She always helps the students show off their talent so very well!

If you would care to join the St. Boniface parish community for Christmas, you are most welcome to come to the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. There is also a midnight Mass (a beautiful experience) that night, with carols starting at 11:30 PM. Our celebrations on Christmas Day are at 10 AM and 12 noon. Don't forget to stop by and see the lovely Christmas stable scene, too!

Many churches and parishes offer lovely Christmas displays and Nativity scenes, often with inspiring Christmas music. St. Francis Seraph church on Vine Street, Over the Rhine, has a life-size Nativity with live farm animals daily from 1 to 7 PM from now until New Year's Day – and it's all free. This would be a fun family activity over the holidays if you are looking for one.

Meanwhile, don't let the holidays overwhelm you – it's all about caring and God's goodness to all of us, not about all the commercial stuff. May the peace and love of the ever-living, ever near, ever caring Almighty be what stirs your heart this Christmas season!

Coming Events:

Friday, Dec. 14 – Middle school prayer service in gym. All welcome!

Tuesday, Dec. 18 – there WILL be Big Brothers to 4:15

Wednesday, Dec. 19 – Band for both till 3:15; NO kids in Action
(next KIA will be Jan. 16)

Thursday, Dec. 20 – First day of Christmas break – NO SCHOOL

Jan. 3 – School resumes!

Blessings on your Christmas and New Year!
Sister Miriam

