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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the season of Advent is well underway, we, as a faith community, are excited to share with our school community the importance of preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a school community, we have undertaken many events over the last several weeks to share the significance of this event. One of the most exciting was our Advent mass on December 19 at Our Lady of Peace parish; thank you to all who attended. As a reminder, our parish, Our Lady of Peace, will host Christmas Eve mass at 5 pm, Midnight mass, and Christmas Day mass at 10:30 am if you want to attend with your family.

December brought about many activities within our school: A school-wide Christmas Card activity, Our Advent concert, I am a BEAR award for students, which focused on our pillar of Empathy, the beginning of basketball season in middle school, and a host of authentic learning experiences in all grades within the school. This is a brief snapshot of the many things happening at St. Marguerite's school. We encourage you to closely read your teacher's weekly updates so that you are aware of all the activities and learning opportunities of the season.

As we look towards the New Year, we are excited to return with a sense of rejuvenation, excitement to rekindle relationships, and the continuation of helping students excel with their curriculum. Our first week back is significant in our community as we celebrate our patron saint, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, with school-wide activities, mass on Friday morning and our annual feast day lunch. Our teachers look forward to expanding the learning in January as they unpack new units of study, assess student learning, and celebrate the growth of all learners. It is also a busy time in our community as we celebrate student athletics with our annual Growler basketball tournament on January 24 and 25 and begin welcoming new BEARs as pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration opens up. January promises to be action-packed!

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year and encourage you to connect with us to share the many blessings to come.

Many Blessings to you, Stefan