



Message from the Director of Education and Chair of the Board

Christmas

*“We wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus.” – **Pope Francis***

The season of light is upon on us. During Advent as we anticipate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we also rejoice and express gratitude for all of God’s blessings. As a Catholic community we are called to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and that Jesus offers the greatest gift of all: His salvation.

Christmas allows us the opportunity to rekindle relationships with old friends and make new ones, and spend time with our families and friends sharing meals, exchanging gifts, decorating the tree, and singing and praying together.

As we count down the days until Christmas, we focus on service and preparing ourselves for this joyous day. Although it is a happy time for many of us, we pray for those who are experiencing loss, illness, loneliness or poverty, which can be even more difficult during this festive time of the year. We have witnessed our students, staff and families reach out to the homeless, the lonely, the elderly and infirm. They have donated food, clothing, blankets and money, and most importantly their time to bringing some light into the lives of those less fortunate. Their generosity brings a little joy into the lives of those they touch.

We thank you all for putting your faith into action in so many ways during Advent and throughout the year. These acts of kindness give meaning to this year’s Pastoral plan of Belonging, our Catholic values and Catholic teachings.



As this year comes to an end, we thank all the staff, students, families, parishes and supporters of Catholic education for your commitment and dedication to our school and parish communities. We look forward to welcoming 2019 with a continued focus on nurturing our Catholic community, improving student well-being and achievement and building our capacity to learn and grow.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Senior Team, we wish each of you a peaceful, happy and bountiful Christmas holiday.

May the year ahead be filled with the love and the light of Christ.

Sincerely,

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Director of Education

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Chair of the Board