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Dear Parents,

As we rapidly approach Christmas Day and all of the joy and excitement that surrounds the birth of our Lord, my pray for each of you is that you may experience the wonder of the season with faith as strong and accepting as the children that we have the privilege of working with each day. My Christmas wish is that you join with our faculty and staff as we continue to daily pray for peace in this world.

This past Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Pope Francis prayed the Angelus with visitors to St. Peter's Square and told them, "[the] human heart desires joy...We all want joy; every family, all peoples aspire to joy. But what kind of joy are Christians called to witness? It is that joy that comes from closeness to God and from his presence in our lives....the church invites us to give witness that Jesus is not just a historical figure; he is the word of God who continues to illuminate people's paths today; his gestures -- the sacraments -- show the tenderness, consolation of love of the Father for every human being...The joy of Christmas is a special joy, a joy that is not only for Christmas Day, but for the entire life of a Christian."

Merry Christmas!

Blessings always,

Maureen Ashby Principal



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