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Romans 8:31-39

Happy New Year!

All of the faculty and staff of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish School hope you had a very Merry Christmas and that 2018 will be filled with peace and joy for your families.

We are scheduled to return to school on Thursday, January 4. The results from the survey sent out before Christmas surprised me, but it is a clear by 73% of you saying that you believe that if Parma City Schools decides to have a calamity day due to brutal cold temperatures, that we should also stay inside our homes and have a calamity day. Fr. Carlin and I have listened to your views and will follow what Parma decides as far as cold and snow. Looking at the forecast for the remainder of the week, it is fair to consider that this may happen on Thursday and/or Friday. We used three of the five calamity days for this school year already. After that we have three days of "Blizzard Bags." If those are all used up, then we will have to make up days. We have a teacher professional day scheduled for February 16. If we use all our days by then, we WILL have school on February 16. Stay tuned and stay warm!

There will not be math lab on Thursday and Friday mornings of this week.

Chess Club and Junior High Music Ministry will meet Thursday after school.

MAP Testing will begin on Monday, January 8. Please do your best to have your children in school and well rested for this benchmark testing. The data gathered is used to drive instruction in each grade level. It is important that your children do their best so teachers can plan appropriately.

Did you know that your child received a dollar coin from Saint Nicholas last month? The students were then given the option to keep that coin or donate it back to those who are in need of food by giving the money to the Parma Hunger Center. A check was written by the PTU in the amount of \$195.38 (some kids were generous enough to give more than their dollar coin) and dropped off to the Parma Hunger Center on December 22. They were very appreciative. Ask your child what he/she did with his/her coin. It could be a great family discussion about helping others in need. (The preschool children were not given the choice to donate back. We did not believe it was developmentally appropriate for the littlest ones.)

Speaking of donations, we will be collecting for the same charity for Lent this year as we did last year. If you will recall, we donated money so that children in an African village could have bikes to travel the miles it takes to get to school each day. Some of the money was also used to purchase food and shoes for the kids. They children wrote letters to us in thanks. They are heartwarming. I am going to attach a letter or two each week so that you can read them and

know that your donation – though not much money for you – is considered a miracle to these children. Keep this in mind now as you bring change home from shopping – maybe place it in a jar. We don't have to wait until Lent to start thinking of others and being generous.

The January calendar is attached.

Hope to see you on Thursday.

Peace and Joy –

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Principal