

Greetings Holy Rosary Families!

As I write this letter, we are preparing to learn virtually once again. Hopefully this is a short two weeks at home, and your children will be in person with us again soon. Just as we prepare for virtual learning, we will also begin our preparations for Jesus' birth on Christmas Day with Advent that starts on Sunday, November 29th. Although we will not be in school at the start, we will still continue our Advent traditions. First thing each Thursday morning, all Holy Rosary students will pray together at our Advent Prayer Service. Additionally, our homerooms will pray together each day around lit advent wreaths in their classrooms. Since everyone is home, we will be able to sing as well! One of the student body's favorite ways to prepare for Jesus' birth is to make ready his crib with hay. As your child completes a good deed or is kind to someone while at home, please let their teachers know, so that they can place a piece of hay in the hallway crib for them. We have always been able to make a soft bed for Baby Jesus by the time we leave for Christmas vacation! With our Holy Rosary traditions, our children are reminded that the Christmas season is about thinking and doing for others.

I encourage you to also promote the true spirit of Christmas in your homes. Together, light your advent wreaths and pray around the wreath. If you have been lax with praying before meals, this is the time to renew a prayerful life with your family. Also with your children, place your nativity scene in a place of honor, and as family members pass it each day, they will be inspired to make thoughtful choices.

We will be sharing the Christmas spirit with you virtually this year. On Tuesday, December 15th, our preschool through 7th grades will each celebrate with musical selections which will be recorded and posted on our website. Our 8th grade pageant will be recorded and posted on the website on Monday, December 21st.

I wish each of you a safe and wonderful Christmas. Memories may be different this year but special all the same.

God's Graces to you!
Mary Ann