

January 4, 2007

Dear Families,

We've actually had two days of class with no serious weather interruptions. Amazing! Hopefully we've had our share for quite some time. Our staff is deeply grateful for your patience during the last weeks of December. I have never been through school days that were so affected by weather and power. My biggest disappointment was our inability to get you timely information about schedules and updates. We'll continue to work hard to improve our new systems so we can do a better job in the future. In the meantime, I'm sure we'll look back someday and remember (fondly?) the year the Christmas program was performed with no heat and under flashlights. Many thanks to all who supplied battery power and hot coffee.



Given that we're just back up and running, we'll keep this short...

- This is the weekend of the parish mission. If you have the chance to take advantage of the many offerings being planned, I'm hearing from those who know the presenter that you'll be rewarded. School students will have a special presentation on Monday, 1/8 at 1:00pm. All parish meetings scheduled for Saturday through Tuesday evening have been postponed so everyone can participate. A flyer is included in the packet.
- A flyer is also included regarding the upcoming Marriage Renewal Weekend.
- Welcome to new 7th grader, Nolan Fisk. Nolan joins us from Mercer Island Middle School. We're glad to have you and the family join us!
- If you've lost the school calendar, it is on-line at www.smsbellevue.org/calendar. Monday, January 15 is Martin Luther King Day. No classes will be held.
- Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching. A special Mass and Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 28. Classrooms will be open for visitors from 9:30am until 1:00pm. Make sure to tell your friends who are interested in joining us to stop by.
- Re-registration begins next week. Look for forms in your Thursday packet.



- Lots of auction and golf tournament info to follow. You should receive a call from the golf committee seeking volunteers to help leading up to, and including, the day of the event (April 28). Like

the auction, this is an excellent, fun and easy way to fulfill your volunteer commitment pledge.

Fr. Jim mentioned in his homily yesterday that this new year gives us an opportunity to sing a "new song" in a new way. Let's hope that song rings in a year of lasting peace and great joy.

Have a great weekend!

Dan