



December 14, 2006

Dear Families,

If the next few days go as quickly as this last month, it will soon be Easter! In which case, I'll be banking on my family not remembering that we just had Christmas and there weren't any gifts under the tree because the tree wasn't up. I'm crafting the mental image of a jolly old Groundhog bringing presents in February. Maybe by THEN I'll be ready.

Not a very Advent-like lead in was it?

#### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Our second annual Christmas program will begin at 10:00am next Tuesday, Dec. 19 in the parish social hall. All are invited to watch the massive effort put in by the classes and teachers, under the talented direction of Mrs. Ledwon and Mrs. McCarthy. Remember last year we had families standing in the aisles. You may want to consider arriving early to secure a seat. The front rows were purchased at last year's auction, but other than that, be kind and try not to reserve more than you actually need. We'll have simple drinks and snacks available. Classes will take a short recess right afterwards then head to the classrooms for a last bit of time together before dismissal at 12:15pm. No lunch period that day.

#### FIRE LANE

With the weather turning sour, I know how tempting it is to park in spots around campus (even in the drive through) that appear more convenient. A reminder that many of those areas are painted red for a reason. As a "fire zone," they are designated for any emergency vehicle. We really need everyone's help in keeping those lanes clear for help. You never know. We'll circulate volunteers and staff come the new year to gently remind any errant operators. Thanks.

#### A MOVE

A new student or two joining our upper grades in January will necessitate us making a switch over the next couple of days. Mr. Boostrom's class is going to move into the room now occupied by Mr. Sifferman's homeroom and vice versa. This lets the middle school use two large rooms and spread out a bit. I already know that come spring, with the warmer weather and growing bodies, the air quality will benefit!

#### AUCTION

Note Melanie's great auction update this week. This is prime time to procure. Please keep up the good work!

#### GOLF

Plans are also well underway for the first annual scholarship golf tournament on April 28 at Newcastle. You should receive a flyer and even a follow up phone call after the first of the year looking for golfers and volunteers. Two terrific sponsors have enabled us to have PLENTY of prizes, including FIVE hole-in-one opportunities for vacations, equipment and even a car. Either to play or watch, you will NOT want to miss this. Dinner included. Want to be a foursome captain? Give me a call.

#### FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to use the funding opportunities on our web site when you purchase gifts and services this season. Already just from the magazine link we've netted back nearly \$300. Go to [smsbellevue.org/fundraising](http://smsbellevue.org/fundraising). And the logo wear is there, too!

This is the last packet until January. We dismiss next TUESDAY at 12:15pm and return on WEDNESDAY, January 3 at 8:30am.

May these days bring you much peace and great joy! And may we all realize that what gets done, gets done. What doesn't get done, doesn't matter - as long as we stayed present to those we care about most. See you in January!

Dan

