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Hark the Harold Angels sing! Last night‘s concert directed by Mrs. Cassie Johnstone was absolutely lovely! The students' talents are really being fostered and elevated to a new level. Thank you for joining us in this wonderful showcase for the reason for this season:   Christ's birth at Christmas. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate such a celebration in our Faith community and we appreciate all of you supporting your children by attending our concert last night.  A Toyota key fob was round at the church.  Call Father Robert at 802-525-3711.

Next week we will be busy little elves. Tuesday will be our Christmas shopping for families. Every student is asked to bring gift bags (enough for everyone in their family) and pre-filled gift tags for the members in their immediate household to shop for. If you still have donations you’d like to make for our Christmas shopping event, please have that at the school by Monday. Thank you to the several volunteers that are helping students with shopping and wrapping all day.

Happy birthday Jesus celebrations will be happening Thursday or Friday in classrooms. Please be on the lookout from your classroom teacher for a refreshment sign up, classroom gift ideas or gift exchange (for the olders).

As we approach Christmas, routines and expectations are very important right now. They’ll be Santa visits, reindeer sleigh rides,  late nights, movies, school concerts, etc., etc. I shared this reading [How the Holidays can be Stressful.](https://www.dmchildrenscenter.org/mental_health_articles/how_holidays_can_be_stressful_for_children#:~:text=The%20holiday%20season%20often%20disrupts,be%20unsettling%20for%20some%20children.)  ) (with teachers last week in anticipation of low capacity to make rational decisions, emotions on the fritz, and lack of self-regulation for children and adults alike! Keeping the spirit of Christmas alive in your hearts and in your homes is very important. Creating memories, traditions and ceremonies are very important. Just be aware that the high stress on adults bubbles over onto your children, our students. Sometimes they are overburdened with emotions that they’re feeling without the proper strategies and tools to process and regulate them. It’s not always their fault.

Inclement weather is finally upon us! Please be sure to update RenWeb with your most current cell number in the event of a delay or closing. It’s a good time to also update any emergency pick ups.

Our last day of school is Friday, December 20, and we will not return until Monday, January 6! Many schools are returning on January 2. Please make a note of it.

**LUNCH**

Although we're still on Home lunch indefinitely ..... on Wed Dec 18, we have  Pizza from the Pizza Man coming!  This pizza is provided by our friends, the Veterans, for our continuous appreciation and recognition.   Please pack a fruit and drink to compliment your slices.  Remember to bring a water bottle every day, because as the juice and milk gets used up on Monday, I will not be reordering so close to a 2-week shut down.

Stay tuned for some updates over vacation!

As we enter the third week of Advent, let's see how you can spread JOY.  The ripple effect of your joy can continue indefinitely and spread throughout the world!!!!  Shovel a yard, unasked.  Write a note, email or call someone you haven't talked to in a long time.  Hold the door at the grocery store for a stranger.  Wave to a person on the sidewalk.  Smile!!!

There will not be a family folder next week, so this is our merry merry Christmas to you and your entire family!