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Mrs. Lisa Ferraro, Principal

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Dear St. John Parents,

Merry Christmas! What a joyous time of the year. The birth of our Lord reminds us of why we are here on this earth; to know God, to love God, and to serve God every day. Living out these three commitments to our Lord helps us to weave an impenetrable bond between us and God.

Since my last letter to you, we have had a number of wonderful changes and upgrades:

Thanksgiving Feast: Our faculty and students are still talking about the beautiful Thanksgiving feast!! Thank you to Mrs. White and the seventh grade class for leading us in the rosary. A very special thank you to Mrs. Gestezi, Mrs. Spano, and all the parents that were able to participate in this event!

Nursing Staff: We are trying to acquire full time nurse staffing at St. John School. We started working on this in September, as soon as we realized that we had students that needed nursing coverage. The Goshen Central School District voted on November 7, 2016 and agreed with our need for more nursing. At this time, we have been able to increase the hours we have a nurse here at school from 4 hours a day to 5 hours and 45 minutes each school day. Goshen Central School District has been cooperative and generous with us in increasing nursing time.

Safety & Communication Devices: As you know, the Goshen Police Department, specifically Officer Smoulcey, has assisted us in our lockdown drills and safety plan management. In order to better connect the three buildings on the main campus (main building, cafeteria, and computer lab/library/ASP room) we have acquired new communication devices that allow us to communicate more efficiently and effectively.

Christmas Caroling: Our students, faculty, and parents gathered together to sing Christmas carols on the village green to bring some Christmas Spirit to Goshen. A special thank you to Officers Smoulcey, Kelemen, Russnak & Condon for escorting us on our walk into the center of the village and keeping all of our children safe.

Author Read: On Friday, December 16th, our students were delighted to welcome author Christine DerOhannesian to St. John School. Ms. DerOhannesian read her book, *Santa's Magical Chimney* to the classes and discussed different lessons taken from her own life with the students.

Sr. Paracleta & Sr. Barbara: This video was sent to us by Sister Paracleta and Sister Barbara, both former principals of St. John School, at Back to School Night. It can now be viewed on our website!

Theater Club: Mrs. White and Mr. Rickey have joined forces and will be producing this year's theater production of *The Little Mermaid!* Performances are scheduled for May of 2017. More information to come!



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Lunch Menu – During Catholic Schools week, Subway in Middletown will be working with St. John School to provide an extra-special lunch on February 1st. Order forms have been sent home. Please remember to pre-order your sandwiches. We will not have extra on hand to order that day!

Jingle Bell Bingo: Thank you to Mrs. Power, Mrs. Guaman, Mrs. Guarino, Ms Hand and Mrs. Korn for hosting our first Pre-K-3 Jingle Bell Bingo. Thanks to all of the families who came out to support St. John School. All students left with a small gift and Jingled All the Way Home!

I wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and look forward to a new year together.

Respectfully,

Lisa Ferraro