Dear St. James Families,

Happy Friday and Happy Christmas Break! What a wonderful week it was, filled with joy and excitement! The week was capped off by the beautiful celebration of the Nativity last evening and again this afternoon. There is nothing like the beautiful voices of children in song to bring about Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to Ms. Laverty, Mrs. Dunn and our entire faculty who prepared the students for their songs. The students who were a part of the tableau were beautifully reverent as they reenacted that very special night when Jesus was born. This morning we were treated to more joyous singing as our Kindergarten and PreSchool students lined the halls to sing for our bigger kids. I felt a wonderful sense of community as students, teachers, and staff exchanged smiles, gifts, and wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Looking ahead to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities. I see this next part of the year after break as a new beginning, a chance to start fresh. I have no doubt it will speed by as quickly as these first four months have, but I also know it will be filled with many exciting events, student accomplishments, and Bulldog Spirit.

As we celebrate the joyous occasion of Christmas, may the spirit of the season fill your hearts with warmth, love, and happiness. May the coming year be filled with new opportunities, exciting adventures, and continued success for each and every member of our St. James family.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many blessings, Mrs. Colleen McManus

News and Information for the Coming Weeks -

Ornament Scholarship:

We will be extending the Ornament Scholarship till Catholic Schools Week. We are just under \$1,000 in purchased ornaments! The winner will receive 50% of the proceeds toward their 2024-2025 tuition. To purchase an ornament please click **HERE**. Have a merry Christmas & a wonderful New Year!!

Spirit Wear Check out some new T-Shirt Options

Calendar Events:

December 23-January 2

- No Classes Christmas Holiday
- No CARES

January 3 - Classes Resume

January 5 - First Friday Mass 9:15

January 5 - Winter Concert 9AM and 6PM - School Gym

Full calendar can be found on our website.