



Message from the Head of School

Dear Families,

This year I was having some trouble getting into the Christmas spirit. The stresses that accompany the Christmas season were getting the better of me. And then, as it happens every year, the children sing and play from their hearts with such unencumbered joy. Both the Early Childhood Christmas show and the performance of the Nativity refocused my thinking. Music has been an elixir for my soul. A childhood memory that has stuck with me through the years is of my mother singing “O Holy Night” at midnight mass. When the lights were dimmed, she began to sing like an angel and I was transported to the birthplace of Jesus. At that moment, I felt pride, joy and at peace. Disagreements with my friends or siblings dropped into the background, at least for a little while. It is at Christmas that I found respite from my struggles.

Christmas can bring out the best in us. I am so proud of our singers, instrumentalists, and actors at this week’s performances. I am particularly proud of my grade eight students who narrated the Gospel and acted out the story of the Nativity. They fully embraced their roles, because they understood the importance of the story that they were re-enacting and that dressing up in costumes or holding a star aloft would make the experience special for others.

I am now fully in the Christmas spirit. I was honored to yell “All Aboard!” as our K2 students embarked on their ride on the Polar Express! What a privilege that was and the highlight of my day. As we leave school for the holidays, I wish you peace and joy. May you bring warmth and happiness to all you encounter during the holidays.

Sincerely,
William Gartside
Head of School

Wishing you Joy, Hope, and Wonder this Season.



Grade 6 students helped St. Vincent de Paul put together Christmas dinners for families



Pre-K students had a special visit from Santa this week!

in need.



The true meaning of Christmas came alive at the Nativity Performance.



K1 students performing at their Christmas Show.



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