



Dear Families and Friends,

Happy New Year to ALL! I received this beautiful reflection on a Christmas card. I share it with you as a reminder of what we celebrated recently. The words not only tell the real meaning but can also help us to remember that Christ came and is present everyday. He, Emanuel, is with us.

*Advent has prepared us to assimilate the real meaning  
of the Christmas story:*

*The Word has become flesh and continues to participate totally  
in our humanity.*

*God the Son has pitched his tent in our midst and continues  
to share the human condition.*

*Thus the Lord can be found in the busyness and confusion of life  
as a power which calms and comforts.*

*He is present in the midst of frustration and anxiety as a  
surprising secret source of hope and serenity.*

*He is the inner meaning of our daily routine no matter how  
chaotic and disrupted.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Courage, pray for us  
that we may realize more deeply in 2008  
the real meaning of the birth of your son  
our Jesus Christ.*

*Adapted from Basic's  
Spirituality in Transition*

*This is our prayerful wish for you this season.*

In Christ,

*Carole Anne*



## **Medicine at School**

Please read your handbooks for the policy on the distribution of medicine. We are not allowed by State and Diocesan law to give any child medicine that is not a prescription in a prescription bottle. If your child needs Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, sinus medicine or any other medicine, you **must** have a doctor authorize it in writing. Your written or verbal permission **does not** suffice. If there is a need, a parent must come to the school and dispense the medicine. Any prescription medicine should be brought to the office by an adult. The child **should not** have medicine on his/her person at any time.

## **Homeroom Parents NEEDED**

Somehow the list of volunteers for homeroom parents got misplaced. The teachers were never informed as to who belongs to them. If you signed up or want to sign up, **PLEASE** call and give your name. **WE NEED YOU!!**

## **LEGO Competition**

It's finally here! The regional competition will be held Saturday, January 12 at 12:00 noon at Trident Technical College. The competition begins at 9:00 a.m. The team has been working very hard since the beginning of the year. Come on out and support them.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

In conjunction with the LEGO competition, this League is conducting a can food drive with competition teams. We'd like to have our school with a good showing. Please send in donations of can food by this Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **In This Packet:**

- Report Cards and IOWA Test results
- Auction Tickets to be sold by each family and a flyer
- Our monthly calendar
- PARENT Magazine