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Brothers and Sisters in Catholic Education,

My intent this week is to just offer you a short, seasonal message. Let's see if I can accomplish being brief and to the topic.

We are still hopeful for your support in the \$100K contest at U.S.Cellular. We are not currently among the leaders so we need your renewed efforts.

The students continue to review the possible names choices for the Baby. We will have our vote next week to see what we think we should choose to name Him. Some of the names nominated so far include "Prince of Peace", "Bread of Life", "Savior", "Light of the World", and "Emmanuel".

A reminder that our Christmas Concert will be this Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It surely felt good to be able to write that previous sentence after a quarter of a century having to say "Winter Concert" or "Seasonal Concert". The students have been working hard as have their teachers to make this a special event. Please join us.

After the Holy Days I will be doing another one of my surveys to communicate with those families who do not send their children to Our Lady's School. I want to know why? I want to try to convince them to come back or join us for the first time. I have heard many, many stories about the past. At the risk of being 'doomed' by the past, I really don't care what once was. I can only care about what is. Please, if you know of any families who have our age children, encourage them to visit us during the school day and see for themselves all the wonderful things that happen here on a daily basis. Are we perfect? Of course not. But, we are better than most, plus we offer a Catholic environment and education.

As we enter this holy season please know you and your family are in my prayers to our Blessed Virgin Mother, our Patroness. And please accept the wishes of my wife, Juliet, and myself that your holiday is blessed with many wonderful happenings and that your New Year is filled with peace.

Your servant in Catholic Education,

Rick Erickson, PhD  
Principal/Administrator

