



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we get into the excitement of Christmas and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I invite you all to join me as we reflect on the many blessings from this past year and to look forward to the many blessings that await us.

Christmas is a time of year when our schools joyfully participate in celebrations that lift the hearts of our students on the blessed journey to Christ's birth. In our schools, students are celebrating through musical concerts and Nativity plays, community service projects and most importantly through a deepened time of prayer. Each of these provide our students with opportunities to enrich their spiritual journeys that give deeper meaning to this faith-filled season.

Let us be grateful that we are a part of a Catholic school system where students can practice their faith every day as they grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Let us be inspired by the foundation of excellence which supports all that we do here at the York Catholic District School Board.

I hope that your hearts will be filled with the warmth that is the closeness of your family, friends and loved ones this holiday season. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you throughout the year. Merry Christmas!

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Ecker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

James Ecker