



Merry Christmas!

One of the blessings of this season is the spirit of preparation. As a mom and wife I have often questioned if that was a blessing or a burden, between presents, decorations and the obligatory Christmas cookies the list is daunting. As I grow older (wiser?) I see that these are the easy preparations and they provide such immediate gratification.

The real preparations are the ones we make inside our hearts and minds, silently considering what Christmas means to us. How do we respond to those in our lives? How do we embrace the challenges we are presented with? How do we make light the burden of others? It is in answering these questions that we can see the gifts in the world around us.

A school year begins and comes to a close thirty-six weeks later; homework and rehearsals, tests and games, report cards and dances all thrown into the days in-between. Like this brilliant season of Christmas, our school year challenges us to be in a state of preparation and reflection. Trying to keep up with the fast pace of deadlines and activities, reflection can at times seem impossible, yet St. Ignatius teaches us that it is only through these moments that we can truly learn and grow.

In reflection we can see the blessing of the day; Christ is born! In our celebration we bring His love to this world again as we care for one another. Working at Prep with our amazing students and you – our supportive families, I feel the greatest gift: His peace and love manifested in all that you do for our school.

Thank you for your love and support throughout the year, and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, I remain in His service...*Arlene*