

*Look backward and thank God. Look forward and trust God. Look around and serve God. Look within and find God.*

**This little phrase seemed like the perfect way to sum up the last weekly letter for 2009. I look forward to 2010 with much joy and enthusiasm! While I do not know what God has in store for our beautiful little school, I know that it will all be good as our focus is to glorify Him.**

### **Special events of the week:**

**Community Interaction:** Last month we had the food drive, which was a great success and this month we had the “Buddy Bags.” Each bag was lovingly stuffed full of treats, hygiene products, prayers, and good wishes! It was so exciting to see the students preparing the bags for someone they didn’t even know! Our wonderful team of sewing elves made the entire event even more wonderful. You all inspire me greatly!

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** As usual, our Christmas program was a smashing success. Ms. T. and our talented young people provided a marvelous presentation! The tree lighting which followed beautifully represented the great virtues of: faith, hope, love, charity, peace, and joy. Every class did a marvelous job! Cookies and hot cocoa made the chilly evening perfect! Thanks to all of you who made it such a wonderful evening!

**ANNUAL PARENT LUNCHEON:** What a beautiful gift it was to share the holiday as a family here at St. Daniel the Prophet. We had a lovely turkey meal, holiday songs, and plenty of games and treats.

**SPORTS:** We are so proud of our athletes who are always victorious in spirit! Keep up with your great efforts. Thank you also to the parents for all of your support.

Keep in mind that all lunches for January needed to be ordered already. We are following the deadlines as set by the Scottsdale School District.

If you wish to apply for CTODP this coming year, you need to also be an active contributor of the program. Please ask Mrs. Smith if you would like a contribution form.

***Thank you for following through with your scrip. I know it is not always easy, but it does pay off in the long run.***

May God bless all of you and your families and may He fill your hearts with all the joy your hearts can hold during this holy season!

God Bless!

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