Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are back and it is already busy!!! I pray that you had a wonderful Christmas break. Mine was quiet and spent with family!

Tonight is Homecoming with festivities beginning at 5:30. We will begin with jv boys and girls playing a half game each, boys varsity, Little Miss Cheer presentation, the coronation, the finish with the girls varsity. We hope you can join us!! Congratulations to our Homecoming Attendants: Freshman- Jem Kionasala, Sophomore- Gliza Damaso, Junior- Lainey Moran. Our Queen Candidates are Claire Lowry, Rebecca Freitas, and Sydnee Martinez.

I want to welcome Lyndee Staab who has started as the new St. Peter's administrative assistant and Lorie Phillips who has joined us to teach 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade social studies! We are so blessed to have them here with us.

St. Peter's Home and School will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at 6:00pm at Festival. All parents are welcome to attend!

The St. Peter's boys basketball team will be playing in the Southeast Basketball tournament tomorrow. They will have games at Springfield Lutheran on Tuesday, and Sarcoxie on Thursday. Games begin at 5:30. The Knights of Columbus Free throw Contest will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19 in the MPR at McAuley.

The McAuley journalism students will be participating in the Joplin Globe Journalism Workshop on Monday, Jan. 14. Thank you to Ms. Schrader for coordinating this. Our 12th grade religion students will be taking a field trip to the Hindu Temple in Tulsa on Thursday, Jan. 17. Thank you to Mrs. Beranek for putting this together for us.

All freshman-junior students will be taking the PreAct on Wednesday, January 16 during the morning hours. Seniors will not be required to be at school until 11:25.

The McAuley girls basketball team will be participating in the Sarcoxie Invitational tournament next week. The boys team will be playing at home on Friday, Jan. 18 against Gloria Deo Academy.

We will have an early dismissal day on Friday, Jan. 18. Classes will dismiss at 1:30 for teacher professional development.

Catholic Schools Week will begin on January 27 and conclude on Feb. 3. Many activities and events are planned for this week. I will be sending the calendar of event to parents next week. This is also the week of the Warrior Classic. I look forward to seeing many of you during this fun, busy time!

That's all I have for this week. I pray for many blessings and good things for your weekend!

God bless you,

Tracey Welch, Principal