

## *Happy New Year*

Welcome back. The hustle and bustle of Christmas is now behind us but the Christmas is not quite over when we look at the liturgical calendar. The Christmas season for us actually lasts twelve days, from Christmas Eve on December 24<sup>th</sup> to the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Epiphany marks the time when Jesus begins to make himself known to the world. The Feast of the Epiphany places emphasis on three events: the visit of the three wise men, the baptism of Jesus and the miracle at Cana. Our schools will be celebrating this wonderful time of year with their students.

This is the time of the year when people reflect on what they have accomplished and what they would like to do to improve their life, often in the form of New Year's resolutions. For our district we begin to take a look at planning for the next school year. As part of this we will be once again hosting a Parent Engagement evening on February 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for parents to help provide direction for not only the budget process but program options for our students. We are dedicated to working with all parents to ensure success for all students in our schools.

For our high school students it is that time of year when they must ensure they get all of their course work completed and start preparing for exams. Students should take advantage of special tutorial sessions that are available to help them achieve the best that they can.

Don't forget to check out school websites to see what's taking place this month.

God bless!

