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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I am a little late with my wishes as we are already in the second week of Advent and the new liturgical year. The calendar year is also coming to a close and I am sure that like me you are feeling like there is still so much to do! A new year is that great time to make resolutions and to make peace with the past. Next week in school we offer the sacrament of reconciliation. When we truly acknowledge and take responsibility for our failings, we start over and resolve to make it better next time, to 'go and sin no more'. What a gift. If you can join us, I invite you to come down to help the children and to join in receiving the sacrament yourself. It is such a good way to be a witness to our faith.

The PFA held a marvelous Father-Daughter dance last week. I sincerely hope that this was our 'first annual' and that it becomes a fixture on our calendar. Many thanks to everyone involved, workers behind the scenes and all who came! Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas show and PFA are offering gift certificates for the book fair, the savings / coupon cards for all the surrounding communities, as well as Christmas greenery. This is also a great time to buy and give the SCRIP gift cards. Please encourage friends and families to support our children's education!

I also need to remind everyone to be vigilant about our dress code and uniform. Perhaps this is the time to go through the closets again and check that the children have what they need? There are still too many children being dropped off with boots, toms and colored shoes, non-uniform jackets, and even nail varnish. Our policy is clearly stated in the handbook. Please make sure your child is ready for school before they get out of the car!

As this year ends I would like to thank the teachers and staff who make OLA such a great place to work; I am so fortunate to get back so much from so many. My deep thanks also to all the OLA families who support the children, without whom this unique community simply would not be the same.

I wish you all a joyful and merry Christmas and very happy new year!
Sincerely,

Bernadette Boyle
Principal