

January 6, 2025

**Dear Parents:** 

Happy New Year! It is great to be back and see all the students again!

This semester, we welcome three new students into our school, Aurora in preschool, Aurelio in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and Flossie in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We also extend a warm welcome to their parents and families!

Over the Christmas break, Ms. Walsh worked on schedules and new programs for the afterschool program. We are so excited to be able to provide a fun and educational afterschool program free of charge to our families. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the after-school program, please contact Ms. Walsh or myself. Ms. Walsh's email is <a href="mailto:bwalsh@eupschools.org">bwalsh@eupschools.org</a>

Thank you to all who responded to the call for help over the holidays to work at the concession stand at LSSU's hockey game! **The school made close to \$700!** Future dates are: 1/17 & 1/18, 2/7 & 2/8, 2/21 & 2/22. If you can help, please sign up at the attached volunteer calendar link.

Included with this email, you will find thank you notes from some of the organizations that our students' tithing efforts have helped. For the next few months, we have designated the tithing money to go towards **Food for The Poor**, a Catholic organization that helps children and families in poor areas around the world.

The virtue we are learning and studying this week is **affability**- Affability is being easy to approach and helping those around you feel comfortable.

Yesterday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, the day when the three wise men found Jesus and recognized him as the son of God. Bishop Robert Barron writes: "The Magi evoke the importance of alertness in the spiritual order. We must keep our eyes open to see what God is up to".

May we receive the grace to find Jesus in the people around us and recognize the blessings in our lives.

God bless,

Mrs. Farney

PS: Mark your calendar for Catholic Schools Week celebration January 26 – February 1<sup>st</sup>. **The opening Mass will be at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 AM.**\*\* All Catholic students are required to attend.