From the Desk of Ms. Miller:

We completed our practice eLearning day yesterday. One thing that we need you to remind your children about is to read the directions carefully. There were several instances where the students were sending questions to their teachers through email, Google hangouts, or GoGuardian chat that were directly explained in the directions of each assignment. My email has been sent to Mrs. Marsha Jordan, Superintendent, for final approval. Once she approves it and sends off to the state for approval, we will be implementing eLearning instead of make-up snow days. Following this final approval, letters will be sent home explaining eLearning and the official policy pertaining to eLearning.

Included in today’s communication envelope is information and a sign up sheet for the Mentorship Program that is being implemented through Kathy Geisel and our School Board. We are partnering with members of our community to help our students explore their interests and broaden their horizons to new opportunities and possible career paths for them in the future.

Congratulations to our 5th graders on their graduation from the DARE Program yesterday. This year’s DARE essay contest winners were Lukas Szymarek and Claire Rosswurm. Lt. Williams and myself were joined by Caroline Torie, reporter for WSBT, Kenneth Witkowski, Jr., Mishawaka Police Department Chief of Police, and Mayor Dave Wood to celebrate the accomplishments of this class.

Madilyn Brough and Macey Viscik were chosen by the Mayor’s office as two winners of the holiday coloring contest.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas Break and take time to enjoy time with your families during this blessed time of year.

Remember that the teachers return to school January 7th for a day of Professional Development and we will welcome the students back to school on Tuesday, January 8th.
**HASA**

Due to the craziness of holiday schedules, we are not having a HASA meeting in December. January’s meeting will be Thursday the 10th at 6:30pm. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or complaints you can reach us by email: HASA@queenofpeace.cc.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY & CHOIR**

We are excited about our annual Christmas Eve Nativity Play. Christmas Eve Choir practice is scheduled for this Friday, December 21st from 4:30-6:00. Please call Denise Evans (250-2739) or Colleen Dabler (651-9952) if interested in volunteering or for more information. Choir information please contact Tom Farwell, tfarwell@queenofpeace.cc.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Class of 2019 will have a Bingo Night to benefit their Washington D.C. trip. Saturday, January 26, 2019. Doors open at 6:30pm. Bingo starts at 7pm Pre-Sale boards will be sold in early January.

**For Safety's Sake**

**Parking Lot Curbing:** New curbing added around the drainage wells in the parking lot have been donated to the parish. This excellent improvement both helps to protect the French drains under the rocks that line these beds and channels the water to these areas.

**Traffic Signs:** We are installing our own private traffic signs at the exits and at the intersection in the parking lot to remind drivers of the constant pedestrian traffic on our campus and city sidewalks. Stop signs installed inside the sidewalk parameter are intended to remind drivers to stop before the sidewalk, look for pedestrians and proceed with caution.

**Parking in Defined areas Only:** Please do not park outside defined parking spaces. Recently some cars have been parked next to the handicapped area which caused problems for emergency vehicles responding to a call. We have painted the parking space lines around building entrances for the specific purpose of limiting traffic near them. Please abide by parking in spaces only.

**Please remember to order your children’s lunches for February at www.BOONLI.com. Ordering starts Saturday, December 22nd through Friday, January 11th. The February lunch calendar is in today’s envelope.**