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Dear Families,

As I reflect back on this year, I find that there are many things to be grateful for, especially your children, you, and the entire ASA community.

I am thankful for Mrs. Hughes and her dedication to the school. She will be deeply missed by all. Please see her letter in this week's V.E.

I am thankful to Ms. Richards and her entire cast and crew of *Goldilocks on Trial*. It was incredibly obvious how talented our students and staff are. Special thanks to Ms. DiCola and Mrs. Oakley for their help behind the scenes for this production – and others!

I am thankful for all the families that come out every Saturday during Advent to light the wreath and take part in a prayer service. In particular, I wish to thank: Lara Boulmetis, Max Boulmetis, Alyssa Duclos, Bronwyn Petkus, Maggie Colon-Usowicz, Lillian Colon-Usowicz for being there every week and participating with reading and singing in the services.

I am thankful to Mrs. Petkus for organizing another wonderful Christmas Concert that also showcased the singing (and dancing) talent of our students. Without displaying too much of a bias, many students have been hula dancing all this week in the hallways and classrooms – just minus the grass skirts!

I am thankful to Mrs. Crowley who, with the help of her teacher elves and parent reindeer, was able to transform the elementary campus once again into a winter wonderland – this time for Rudolph Day! All of the special arts and crafts (reduce, reuse, recycle) activities were designed for the students to be able to give back to the community. Special pins were created to be donated to the elderly patrons of Fallon's Summit ElderCare facility here in town. The hats and scarves are being donated to Clark Street School in Worcester, so that many children in need will have an extra measure of warmth this season. And the cat and dog toys are being donated in equal measure to the Webster Animal Shelter and Tufts Veterinary Hospital.

I am thankful for a talented and dedicated group of educators who put their heart and soul into teaching your children every day. I also appreciate the way they have shared their own artistic talents in the form of the many Christmas Wreaths that were displayed at each campus. Friendly competition runs strong and deep!

Lastly, I am thankful for Mrs. Raps, who will be joining the staff as the new administrative assistant at the elementary campus. Mrs. Raps has already volunteered much of her time as coach to our soccer and

basketball teams – and at one time was also our gym teacher. It is a relief to know that someone with such commitment to ASA and a familiarity with the students was so willing to step in to this position.

I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Yours in Christ,

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