

Dear Parents,

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All of us at Episcopal Day School wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and joyous holiday season. We all have much to be thankful for this time of year. I was reminded by Reverend Meaghan in her homily yesterday in chapel of the many joys of the season. I believe I was given the gift of life by Meaghan's husband, Jonathan Brower, when he gave me a kidney last May. Quite a blessing and quite remarkable!

The Episcopal Day School Auction and 32<sup>nd</sup> Candlelight Tour of Homes were both tremendous events which would have been impossible to pull off without the great help of our parent and faculty volunteers as well as volunteers from the community. Thank you to Courtney Kilpatrick for chairing and Ellen Marcus for coordinating the Auction, and Lisa Hildebrand and Joanna McDearmon for co chairing the Candlelight Tour. The Auction topped its goal thanks to all the attendees and sponsors. At this writing, we are still waiting for all receipts from the Candlelight Tour, but I'm sure you'll hear from The PTA in Gator Bites about their success.

I continue to be so impressed with our students. I see their character development at work every day when they come in to present their Golden Awards to me. The bulletin board outside my office is chocked full with their terrific acts of service and kindness. The students of EDS continue to be beacons of light inside and outside the classroom. I am so proud of them.

At Episcopal Day School we are fortunate to have dedicated professionals in the classrooms, specials, and the office who are here to teach our students, encourage and challenge them, and enrich their lives on a daily basis throughout the year.

Enjoy the joyful Christmas concerts which happen next Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, and I look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year.

Warmest regards,

Jay St. John  
Headmaster