

## Parent Principal Post December 12, 2011 "Rejoice in the King"

Dear Three Points Parents,

**Christmas greetings:** it's almost here! Last week a kind 1<sup>st</sup> grader said to me in the car chute, "Mr. Kennedy! You are almost the king of whole BCS!" I laughed out loud (and thanking her for her compliment), and so should you. ☺

**The Real King:** Fortunately, as Christians we *do* have a King! Sometimes at the mall, on TV or the web, or in traffic, we have to work hard to remember or find Him. Have you been trying to make sure Jesus doesn't get crowded out by cards, trees, presents, and parties? It can be difficult to let go of our expectations for and memories (good or bad) of this season. But, if we want the joy of the King, we may need to let go of other, lesser things.

**Sticky Faith:** Last week several Three Points parents and I were talking about the importance of helping our children's faith "stick" as they grow older and eventually leave home. One parent referenced this excellent resource – <http://stickyfaith.org/blog>. I checked that website out, and it has lots of great tips, articles, blogs, and more to help parents and educators coach our students in their faith walk.

**PLC Work:** On another note: before we all break for the Christmas holiday, I'd like to share with parents how our teachers are currently collaborating to maximize student learning. Below are just a few examples of the "Professional Learning Community" work for each group:

**5-6** These grade-level teachers are working to develop students' ability to talk and listen to others about God. New Moodle technology will allow students to interact weekly about issues of faith in an online forum.



**3-4** Teachers are using IOWA and classroom tests to find where their students' gaps and strengths in math are, and then together developing ways to provide more challenge or remediation.

**K-2** Our teachers have tracked real improvement by students from each grade in their "sight word" recognition. Here's just one example: a current 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, who once struggled in KG with the letters of his name, is now at grade level in reading!



**"Joy to the World! The Lord has come, let earth receive her King"** – As the days grow shorter and the countdown to Christmas arrives, please intentionally take time to celebrate with your family the coming of our King. May the truth and love of this song and the Good News flow through you to your children and beyond!

In Christ, Steve