



*Merry Christmas Feliz Navidad Joyeux Noel Buon Natale Boas Festas
Gezur Krislinjden Sung Tan Chuk Ha Chung Mung Giang Sinh
Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan*

We are so happy that our new website is up and running. Over the Christmas break we will be receiving instruction on how to use the new software that will enable us to update the site on a regular basis. I hope there is a “Software for Dummies” manual available at B&N! Soon you will be seeing more pictures and articles to keep you informed about the happenings at PJ.

The Pope John Community has enjoyed an exciting and productive Fall, both in athletics and academics. Our teams emerged strong and victorious and displayed a spirit of good sportsmanship under adverse conditions; the renovated computer lab is up and running, and the library has stocked shelves. The outside of the building has a new garden and visible signage acknowledging our *Boston Magazine* recognition.

When we return from the Christmas and New Year holidays we will be preparing for the end of our first semester. The beginning of a new year has traditionally been a time for making resolutions to improve ourselves. The name of the first month of our year comes from the Roman god *Janus*, a deity with two faces, one facing the past and the other facing the future. At this time of the year we, too, are looking back at the successes and failures we may have experienced while at the same time preparing to face the challenges of the coming months. As we begin the New Year resolve to take that first step, a step toward becoming the person you were meant to be.

During this season of thanks and gift giving, I know that I am grateful for being able to work with this wonderful Pope John Community, and for the gift of watching our students grow and mature during the time they are with us.

May you and your loved ones be blessed this Christmas with love, health and happiness.

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