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Dear Families in the Buddy Program,

We want to inform you of some of the changes in our Buddy Program this year and how it affects the exchange of Christmas gifts at school. In the expansion of the program to cover a three-year relationship it has been decided that we would not exchange purchased gifts for Christmas. Please do not buy a gift for your child's buddy. The purpose of the Buddy Program is to build relationships on a spiritual level.

The spiritual journey of our students from Kindergarten through 2nd grade with their buddy in 6th through 8th grade allows them to walk with each other as they each also walk with Christ. They are discovering how God would have them live here in the community of Holy Trinity Catholic School as well as in the world. This journey takes them as they enter our school up through their 1st Eucharist. The students then assume the leadership role in the 6th grade as they journey toward their Confirmation and Commencement. This teaches the Christian leadership so essential to the spiritual development of adults in the Church.

Our students will be making small tokens of appreciation for each other here for the celebrations and they will be exchanged after returning from the school's Christmas Break. This will align the exchange of gifts with the Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings, in keeping with our Catholic faith.

Thank you for all you do in support of your child and the programs here at Holy Trinity Catholic School. In partnership we are building the future of our Catholic Church.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Staff of Holy Trinity Catholic School