Superintendent Corner

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to positively influence the future through our work with our students. During the month of December, that privilege is amplified by the joys and magical anticipation of the holiday season. Over the next three weeks, please plan to join us on campus for our holiday drama, concerts and art shows. On behalf of the faculty, staff and members of our board of education, please accept our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Lift your spirits and share a hearty laugh by attending the high school drama club’s portrayal of “A Christmas Story”. The curtain will rise three times: Friday, December 6 at 7PM; Saturday, December 7 at 2PM and 7PM. Admission is $5. Join Ralphie, his friends and family as they navigate Christmas in pursuit of the perfect Christmas gift. As you know, our district suffered a great loss with the passing of school counselor Jessica Cooper in early November. The Drama Club is supporting the Herkimer County Humane Society in Jessica’s honor by encouraging donations that will be collected before each show.

Get into the holiday spirit by attending one or two or all three of our holiday concerts. I am convinced that complex math can be achieved each time I attend one of our school concerts in which children as young as eight memorize multiple songs, read music and entertain all in attendance. The holiday concert season begins Wednesday, December 4 with the middle school concert held at 7PM in the middle school big gym. The elementary concert follows on Wednesday, December 11 at 7PM in the high school auditorium. Creative and performance art is on display at the high school at 7PM on December 18. Please arrive early to each concert for the best seating but particularly on December 18 to be inspired by the incredible artistic talents of our high school students. There may also be some culinary delights from our family and consumer science students.

Mount Markham is a special school community for many reasons. One of these is its generosity. During the month of December, programs like Gram Lorraine, Rotary Christmas Baskets, Food Shelves and many other programs will strive to see that no Mount Markham child goes without a gift and no Mount Markham family goes without a holiday meal and the knowledge that they reside in a community that cares. Thank you all for supporting these wonderful programs that make such a difference during the holiday season. If you wish to support one of these efforts, contact our local clergy, a Rotary member or school office for more information.

From all of us on campus, have a wonderful holiday season, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!