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Dear Franklin School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well during this very busy holiday season. I'd like to take this time to thank the parents/guardians who are volunteering this week at our holiday shop. Your time and talents are appreciated as the proceeds collected by the PTO offer additional opportunities/benefits to all the students of Franklin Borough School. I encourage all parents/guardians to become more involved and consider joining the PTO.

Franklin School now has a School App available. Messages that are announced through our instant alert system and information that is posted on the digital backpack are also visible on the School App. Please visit the school's website at www.fboe.org to download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

School closings and emergencies are announced using the Franklin Borough School Instant Alert System, the School App, the website, WSUS radio and Facebook. Please contact the main office if you need assistance registering for the instant alert system.

With colder weather in the forecast, please remember to send your child/ren to school with the appropriate outerwear. Feel free to stop by the table outside the nurse's office to select from the array of new and gently used hats, gloves/mittens and coats should your child/ren need these items.

I would like to remind all parents/guardians about the acceptable use of technology as it relates to cell phones. As stated in the student handbook/calendar (page 5), cell phones are **not** to be used in school. Cell phones should be turned off and stored where they will not be accessed (e.g. lockers). If student cell phones are used or visible during school hours, they will be confiscated by school staff members. Thank you in advance for reinforcing this rule at home with your child/ren.

I ask that every parent/guardian please make it a priority to be aware of what social media platforms your child/ren are using and that you regularly monitor their content. Although social media is a great source of communication and information sharing, if not used correctly it can be hurtful and destructive.

Finally, I ask for your patience during drop-off and pick-up. To help alleviate parking lot congestion, I ask that parents/guardians who are dropping-off, but not parking, use the front parking lot with the solar panels. Crossing guards are in place to help children cross safely. Also, when parking, please only park in designated spots. Student safety must remain our top priority.

Thank you for your continued support,

John R. Giacchi

Chief School Administrator