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### End of year school concert 2012

Reverend Fathers, Sisters  
Dear principals, teachers, parents, students

I would like to thank the Principals – for their continued hard work in progressing the school curriculum to such a high standard. I would like to thank the hard work and dedication of all the teachers – without whom, there would be no school. Thank you to the canteen managers, who co-managed our Saturday lunches so tastefully. Finally, I thank you to all the parents who are here today, to all the Mums and Dads and Grandparents, who make the effort to wake up early every Saturday, keep a smile on their faces and bring their children to school, help with homework, and ensure attendance at school activities. It can be a real effort, however, the rewards of seeing your child improve their Ukrainian language is priceless.

This year has been a challenging one. We have seen many families leave our school for a variety of personal reasons. This has left the numbers of children at our school the lowest it has been for 10 years. It would be great to see the new year bring more enrolments and even see the return of some families.

One of the biggest challenges we face is the state of finances of our Parish School. Over the last 10 years, we have seen our fund raising diminish to barely one or two events for the year, together with a small family contribution, and we have had very minor, if no school fee increases. Unfortunately, at this time, the school is owed \$20,000, 75% of which is made up of outstanding fees for years prior to 2012.

So with the lower number of children and with the amount of outstanding fees, the 2013 school year will commence with a zero balance in our accounts.

With this in mind, I would request that those families who have any outstanding fees, please contact Stefan Hruszowski to sort out the issue.

Sorry to dampen the Christmas concert, however, I believe that we all need to share the burden that goes hand in hand with the day to day operations of a successful community. I wish all a very safe and happy Christmas and hope to see everyone back here in February.

Thank you

Olya Wenhrynowych  
Chair School Management Committee