

NWARTA 2020 Members' St Nicholas Greetings



My wish/blessing for you, is to recognize new opportunities during this time of chaos.

When nothing is the same, search for joy in the ordinary of every day through service and giving to others.

Merry Christmas Stay
Healthy and safe!
JENNIFER WRZOSEK

**Happy St. Nicholas Day
to all retirees!**

I'm sure all retired teachers have so much admiration for teachers who are finding amazing ways to educate during these trying times.

LIZ FRASER

May God bless
your Christmas
season with joy
and love.

LINDA SCHOFIELD



"May the love and the blessings of the Christmas season continue to be truly visible to you and through you in the year ahead."

SUE MILLS

Who became poor so that
we may be rich?

Jesus, the babe in the
manger!

**He is the REASON
for the SEASON!**

May you be blessed with
His riches this bleak
Christmas season.

MARGARETA PENNER

"Someday soon we'll all be together
If the fates allow

Until then we'll have to muddle through
somehow.

So have yourself a merry little Christmas
now."

1944 version Judy Garland from *Meet Me in St Louis*

Have a safe, blessed and merry Christmas.

MARTHA & LEO DAWSON

Despite these uncertain and difficult times we are living through, I wish you & your family joy and peace in sharing the simple moments that are always at the heart of the Christmas season!

May 2021 see brighter, happier times ahead as we begin to anticipate a hopeful and steady return to "normal" life!

Take care & stay safe!

CARMAN SCHERLIE



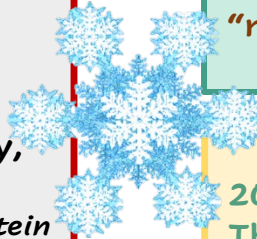
Although we may not gather in person, we gather still in each other's hearts and prayers. Merry Christmas everyone; the best is yet to come!

SHANNON CARSON


Snowball

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.
I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first - it wet the bed!

Shel Silverstein



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CARMAN SCHERLIE

Merry Christmas my fellow retirees! 2020 has taken its toll on the world! Though I found it to be a particularly rough year, even beyond the woes of COVID-19, I am hopeful for better days to come.

I am grateful to the teachers who are still practicing. They have shown their amazing adaptability and devotion to their students. ... Today's pupils are in good hands and daily receive the gift of giving from their teachers.

To you, my fellow retirees, I wish the same resilience that working teachers have shown. Let's reach out to each other for virtual coffee dates and messages of encouragement. This is the gift we can give each other. Let's post praise and positive comments ...

I wish you happiness, family time in person or virtually, and good health! All the best to in 2021!

CHARLENE UNGSTAD

C Christ was born for you and me
H He is the light by which we see
R Rest in Him, when you are weary
I In His Love with Mother Mary
S Savior so special, born for us
T To Him we pray and pray we must
M Mission for us is love and kindness

S Signs of Wonder everywhere
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Please take Care!



PAT LEES

May your Christmas be wonderful even in this COVID season.
Many blessings.

MONIKA CASE



We know Christmas will not be the same this year, but we hope you will find joy and happiness in different things and places.

I ask each one to offer help at the Salvation Army kettles and food banks and thus give to others.

LUCILLE PARTINGTON



We would like the world to come together with the common goal of eliminating hunger. Far too many children in our world go to bed each night without proper nutrition or for that matter, one meal in a day. It's not right.

Surely humanity can work together and eradicate this terrible problem, bringing hope to all those affected by it in our world.

After all, it is a wonderful world we live in.

God bless, **DAN & CINDY BISHOP**

Bless you all this Christmas. Protect your family no matter what it takes.

Remember, we **WILL** get through this.

GWEN ATKINSON



Go in safety, walk in peace.

AL & DOREEN LAKUSTA

In keeping with my Scottish heritage, I am sending you a toast for the New Year.

Here's to better times ahead for us all! Wishing you a happy, safe, and healthy 2021!

Cheers, **GAIL SCHAU**



May you and yours have a Christmas Season filled with love, laughter and good health.

This year we are cherishing family and friends, those close to us and especially those we haven't seen in a while. Merry Christmas!

TERESA MOHR



There are two sets of rhyming words in this Dutch 'St Nicholas' poem. The translation to English does not rhyme – lol



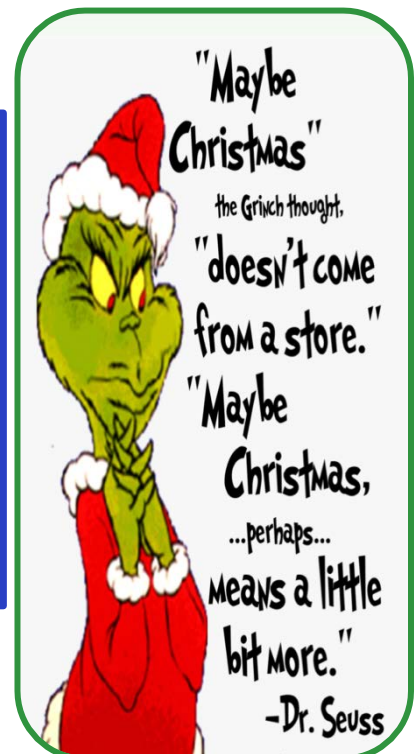
"Dear St Nicholas,
You are a dear boss,
With a very thick book
And delicious cake".

WILMA KOERSEN

Season's Greetings to the NWARTA executive!

Warmest wishes for faith, hope and peace this Christmas season.

KAREN PATTON



Though this is probably the weirdest Christmas ever, and though we may not be able to gather in numbers the way we usually do, don't forget to **reach out** to friends and family in whichever way you can - be it text messaging, email, phone calls, Zoom - and **extend warm wishes** of the season.

I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a well-deserved adieu to 2020 with hopes for a better year in 2021!

Sincerely, **MARY-HELEN HOPKINS**



My Christmas wish is for all of us to **celebrate our inner strength** and embrace the fact there is light at the end of the tunnel.



MAXINE MAXWELL

Hello to All my NWARDTA Friends ~

May Christmas 2020 be a **time of Reflection** and a **time of Hope**. I am personally thankful for social media and my ability to stay connected to my family and friends all around the globe.

I celebrate every day for all the little things that keep me connected and make me smile.

Merry Christmas one and all!

SUSAN K THOMSON



Christmas wishes for joy and happiness. I wish you good health, along with peace and contentment, both for you and your families.

May the new year bring you new adventures full of fun and laughter.

KHRIS WEEKS



For this HOLIDAY season, I wish you **HEALTH**, a renewed sense of **HAPPINESS** and **HOPE** for a better year to come,



LORNA MCILROY



May the sunshine upon you,
May joy be in your heart,
May the love of family surround you,
And may the Lord guide and protect you.

Take care and be safe,

JOAN GODBOUT



Merry Christmas to all the other retired teachers and staff. As retired persons, we have had time to prepare for COVID restrictions and have been creative and innovative in our approach to 'free time' in our lives. We are the champions!

May your Christmas season be filled with joy, peace and love. And may you find a creative and innovative way to share it with close and distant family and friends.

Now is not the time to forget all we learned about creative survival in our classrooms and schools.

Keep the light shining! And have a hopeful New Year!

CAROL DAVIDSON



"May the love, kindness and care that inspired the life of St. Nicholas richly bless you and your loved ones with good health and charity towards others this Christmas season".

Thank you and have a great day.

RUSS SNOBLE :)



**Merry Christmas to
NWARTA ~**

We will never forget the Christmas of 2020 and hoping even if we can't do all that we might have hoped for, we can have hope in our hearts and great memories from the past combined with joyful looking forward to the future.

Hoping you all have something special, and unexpectantly wonderful happen this Christmas season.

Blessings,

YVONNE MURY

Have Yourself a Merry "Little" Christmas!

I read an interesting blog this past week which echoed my thoughts.

My wish for you is to reframe your expectations for the holidays and savour the little things that bring you joy.

Make the special cookies that are fussy and take more time.

Pour yourself a coffee or tea and immerse yourself in your favourite music.

Plan a telephone date with a friend and have a wonderful, long conversation.

Re-watch your favourite movies or start that book you have been wanting to read.

Christmas will be different this year, but it does offer us the opportunity to slow down, reconnect, and really appreciate the little things.

Be well.

CATE SAZWAN

and to all a good night