



January 30, 2008

Dear Families and Friends:

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it is certainly one of the busiest. There are so many celebrations to fit into only four weeks, even with that one extra day for Leap Year!

After the New England Patriots win the Superbowl on February 3, it will only be a short wait until the Mardi Gras celebration. Later in the week (February 7), we welcome the *Year of the Rat* as Chinese New Year festivities begin. On Valentine's Day, the *Sweetheart Serenades* will entertain us in the rotunda at 2:45 PM after a special event just for "sweethearts." Since February is *Celebration of Chocolate* month, the party refreshments should be delightful!

On a more serious note, February also marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed on February 6 (Ash Wednesday), and the Stations of the Cross video will be shown each Friday during Lent. Catholic Mass will be celebrated on February 19th at 2:30 PM.

There will be a lunch trip to the Blue Angus Café on Wednesday February 13. The Timberlane Pops Orchestra in Plaistow NH will entertain a second group of residents at an afternoon concert on Sunday February 24.

Chuck Wilson will perform at the monthly birthday party on Monday February 26th. He will be on Ground Annex at 1:30 PM and in the rotunda at 2:45 PM—guests are always welcomed.

Our first annual Valentine sale will allow people to order beautiful Mylar balloons, candy treats, and/or small stuffed animals for Valentine's Day. We will include cards with personal notes and delivery within Fairhaven at no extra charge. Orders may be placed anytime by contacting the activity department or visiting our lobby display.

We hope to see all of you soon. Until next time,

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Director of Recreation