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Dear Charter Arts Community,

On behalf of the Charter Arts Administration, I would like to extend wishes for a happy, relaxing, and safe winter break. I know we all shared in the excitement of in-person instruction, performances, and exhibits this fall season, and it was inspiring to see so many people from our school and local community celebrating the artistry that is created here every day. It is through your continued support that our students and their teachers are able to do what they are so passionate about and sustain their creativity in all of the ways that makes Charter Arts so unique.

As an additional reminder, school is closed for Winter Break for students and employees from Friday, December 24, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022. Per our [Letter to Families distributed on December 13, 2021](#), we added an additional school closure **for students only** on Monday, January 3, 2022. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, and we are excited to see them in the New Year. Masks will still be required to be worn in the school building in January, and our administrative team will be re-evaluating our Health and Safety Plan in January and will make updates at that time, if needed, based upon recommendations from the Bethlehem Health Bureau.

Over the break, our health team, which consists of our Certified School Nurse, Andrea Castellano, and our Athletic Trainer, Dr. Emily Hornyak, will still be conducting contact tracing. If your child tests positive over break, we ask that you continue to let us know by completing this Covid Tracker Form - [CLICK HERE](#). You can also report a positive test by emailing Nurse@charterarts.org. Should your child be identified as a close contact, you will be notified as usual.

As we close out the 2021 calendar year, we look forward to a better and brighter 2022 together with you! From our Charter Arts family to yours, we hope you enjoy some much needed and well deserved time off with family and friends.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carise Comstock".

Carise Comstock, Ed.
Superintendent & CEO