

Merry Christmas!

We hope you are having a wonderful year. This year has brought some big changes to the Schubert family. The main outcome is that we have limited free time, so I am typing this letter while the kids are making Christmas Cookies. I asked each person what they wanted to say and added some "Mom" comments too!

Kym went back to work and started teaching first grade at Rapoport Academy. It is a public charter school here in Waco. Going back to work after 17 years of staying home has brought a lot of challenges. I miss being home to attend the pep rallies, take care of little details, and just relax with the kids. Watching my students blossom into readers and writers has been amazing!

Ruth has changed schools and now attends Rapoport Academy in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She has made lots of new friends. She is at the top of her class and doing great! She finished her Girl Scout Silver Leadership award by hosting a Dog Care Fair for the community. She is sad she can't eat the cookie dough this year 😞 (without a Lactaid) because we discovered she is lactose intolerant.

Genevieve also moved to Rapoport Academy. She is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She helped make the Christmas cookie dough and found a present for everyone in the family. According to her, Carl, Victoria and Mom are the hardest to shop for. She is happy, spunky, and a joy to spend time with.

Carl earned his Eagle rank in July. He played varsity football this year and earned his letterman. He has been accepted to every college he applied for. Now he is making the difficult decision of where to go to college. Carl & I are looking forward to attending the Baylor/Vanderbilt bowl game. He graduates from China Spring HS in May and then he will be off on a new adventure at college.

Victoria is very excited that she was in the marching block for the band and they went to the State UIL marching competition. She was disappointed that they didn't advance to finals because "the judges hate military bands." She loves her English teacher and didn't enjoy physics or pre-Calculus. She is still working on her Girl Scout Gold Leadership Project. She enjoys working with the Daisy girl scouts, who just adore her. Victoria is practicing driving in hopes of obtaining her driver's license soon.

Keith is really looking forward to his Reformed Roasters coffee he asked for. According to their advertising, "It's the coffee that chooses you." He has been chosen to co-facilitate the Summer Faculty Institute at Baylor in June. It is the oldest faculty institute in the world and is focused on improving instruction, research, etc. He is also serving as a Deacon at our church, Oak Grove Baptist.

As you can see, our life is full and crazy. Back to the cookies - poor Frosty was just decapitated ... and is being rebuilt better, stronger, faster. But seriously, we hope your life is fully and happy. Keep God at the center and hold on tight because it moves faster than you think! If you ever come through Waco (apparently, we are the #2 tourist destination thanks to Fixer Upper) be sure to look us up! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Love,

The Schuberts: Keith, Kym, Carl (17), Victoria (16), Ruth (13), and Genevieve (8)