

# Xmas 2013

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from our household to yours! 2013 has been busy and good for us and we have enjoyed receiving cards and notes—thank you.

Arthur is 10 1/2 and busy all the time with world domination via Minecraft, building stuff, engineering other stuff, Lego, art and friends. He also got us all hooked on Dr Who this—hence the family picture!

He is doing very well in Fifth Grade which is his last year of elementary school. He still takes piano lessons and now does bass in the school orchestra, does fencing, tennis and ice hockey, and enjoys Cub Scouts with his dad. John is pack co-leader.

Rebecca – almost 13 – draws and reads anything she can, loves tennis, and being with friends. She plays piano and viola very nicely and has had an outstanding year in the Youth Symphony. She just auditioned successfully for State too. She is now a Cadet in Girl Scouts. Her second year of Middle School has gone very well and she

Our healthy children are the blessings, delights, and mysteries of our days and we revel in them both. They remain each other's best friends and are seldom far apart – sometimes too close!! They both have very different and distinct personalities, likes and dislikes and will stand up for what they believe in. They both have grown more confident this



*Merry Christmas from the Kaese's*

year and their artistic, sporting, service-mindedness, community action and talents are really coming through.

My art business continue to do well and I teach 2 nights and 2 mornings a week now as well as giving back to the community with Community Ed classes in bookmaking, watercolor and calligraphy. Spending that much time with calligraphy and art has been a joy. I remain busy on a variety of non-profit executive boards. The St John's Bible experience continues to be a blessing in my life.

John keeps busy with the kids, our never ending list of household projects and Boy Scouts. We do camp a lot and enjoy what it means to the family to be away from TV and technology, and be out hiking, biking or boating. Summers go fast up here so we do as much as we can. And then lots more camping planned for the summer but 2014 is a blank for the most part with highpoints of kids activities. But this winter he is again teaching the kids how to downhill ski and they are all loving that!

Mom will return next year too—she spent 6 weeks here this year and it was wonderful. (Other than the being snowed in at a hotel part..) We had a good time with her and the kids miss her cooking and conversations.

We wish you every blessing for 2014! Keep in touch and send us all your warm news! May you enjoy a joyous and peaceful 2014! Every blessing!

Hugs,

John, Anne, Rebecca, and Arthur (and Windsor and Bentley too!)

PS: For those of you that enjoy pictures, I created an album at [www.AnneKaese.com\2013Pictures](http://www.AnneKaese.com\2013Pictures)

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