



Dear Star Families,

July 19, 2010

I hope that wherever you are this mid-July that you have taken some time to enjoy family summertime fun. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all new families to Our Lady Star of the Sea; we are happy to have you join our School & Parish family. Good things have been happening around Our Lady Star of the Sea School since the time the children left in June.

Even during the summer, many teachers and staff do extra work in preparation for the next school year. So far this summer there have been different staff members in school each day working on various projects. They have researched new books & computers, worked on NCA in preparation for next spring, worked on curriculum or planned student council events. Students and teachers have also been here for Vacation Bible School, camps, clinics and tutoring. It really is nice to see our school so lively during the summer.

I wish to once again thank all who planned, organized, worked, attended or made purchases at **Auction 2010**. This summer we benefited from Auction proceeds by purchasing some new items that will help in many different areas of the school for years to come. We were able to purchase **new computers for 16 teachers to use in their classrooms as well as some new printers**. We also purchased **new Math books for grades 6, 7 & 8**. Those books are also online so students can use the online book instead of carrying a text home to complete homework. When you come to Church after mid-August, take notice of the **new exterior doors** in the courtyard leading into the gym and middle school area. All of these purchases were possible through your cooperation, a very successful Auction, and some prudent financial planning and budgeting throughout the year.

For those of you who want to get an early start on uniform shopping, I have attached the **2010-2011 uniform policy**. Please read it before you make purchases and keep receipts in the unlikely event that anything should need to be returned. A picture of one example of girl's shoes that is in keeping with our uniform code is in the lower right of this letter. This photo hopefully shows that there is to be a clearly defined heel instead of the ballet-style shoe for girls. *I know that you already received the school supply list. We would like to try something different this year. Please see the note on the top of the attached supply list being resent to you.*

Mark Your Calendar:

We did not have any parent volunteer to chair **Harvest Night** this coming fall, but we do have a group of parents/parishioners who are all working together to plan a wonderful weekend of fun activities for the entire Our Lady Star of the Sea community and surrounding communities. Many wonderful events are being planned and details will be publicized as soon as possible---mark your calendar for **Friday evening, Oct. 15th for families, & Saturday, Oct. 16th for adults**. You are sure to enjoy yourself on both evenings.

Enjoy the remainder of this summer!

Ms. Aemisegger, Principal

