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Sister Catherine Lee, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Despite the unusually hot weather, the children are doing well. Soon we will know by the weather that it really is the season of autumn.

Your presence at the Open House was great. It was an opportunity to meet the teachers and hear their expectations for the year. It was a wonderful evening.

What a nice idea to have a potluck supper to begin our activities for the school year. Those who were there enjoyed a delicious meal and each other's company. Thanks to all who planned and helped with this nice beginning!

Our monthly Mass will be on Friday, October 5 at 10:45am this month. It is always nice to have parents/guardians present for the Mass. You entrust your children to our care and we provide spiritual opportunities for them throughout the school year. If you are free to attend these occasions it is meaningful to your youngsters.

We are again using our **KINDNESS HONOR ROLL** to help strengthen the positive school environment. Each month names of students from each class who demonstrate their understanding of Christian values, a positive attitude and respect toward each other will be placed on the kindness honor roll bulleting board.

You will notice on the calendar that all students in grades two through eight will be taking the standardized test during the week of October 15-19. Please make a special effort to have your child present during these days as the test is more valid when taken in the proper setting. If your child is ill I would not expect him/her to come just to take the test.

I remind you that Friday, October 26, is a professional day. There is no school and no extended day. The extended day program **is not** available days that we have no school.

Since it is best for your child's education that they so not miss class we ask that you make doctor's appointments for after school or on days when there is no school. I realize this is not always possible. Any day your child is being dismissed early for an appointment, the teacher should have a note in the morning stating the time he/she will be dismissed. Your child will meet you in the office where you will sign him/her out.

Please send a note to school if on any day you child is not going home with the usual person.

Your cooperation at the arrival and dismissal times of the children is appreciated. It makes things go so smoothly when all cooperate. **Please do not drop the children off or pick them up across the street from the school.** I realize it can be convenient but it is not safe for the children and it doesn't help with our traffic situation. I thank the parents for assisting the children in the morning.

Thanks for your presence in school and out in the yard at lunch time. It is a big help. Keep coming!

Please check the calendar on the reverse side of the letter for important information about pictures, trips and activities happening throughout the month of October.

May God bless each of you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Catherine