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We Walk By Faith

August 4, 2009

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe we are only three weeks away from the beginning of another school year. I hope that you and your family are enjoying a safe, healthy and happy summer vacation.

Although the final school bell rang in mid-June, work quickly began for the 2009-2010 school year. We have cleaned the rugs, washed the windows and scrubbed floors. It is going to be a great year!!

Teachers have been planning for the new school year as well. I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Ms. Vincent, our Spanish teacher. We wish her the best of luck as she continues her graduate studies. Mrs. Talia Katowicz will be our new Spanish teacher and will continue to teach art as well. Mr. Izzo will continue to facilitate an Instrumental Band Program for grades 5-8. He will be available during Open House for band enrollment. Mrs. Colagiovanni, will continue to facilitate the After-School Enrichment Program as well as our new **Before School Morning Program**. Morning Program hours will be from 6:45-7:45 each day and a cold breakfast will be served by Sodexo. Reservation forms are included with this letter. In order to assure proper staffing and supplies, please be advised that registrations for the morning program, along with payment in full, must be made a week in advance. Children can not be dropped off as needed. If your child is not registered they will not be allowed to enter the building until 7:45. The morning program will begin on Tuesday, August 25th. Please send in registrations by August 19th.

Enclosed you will find your child/children's emergency card. It is imperative that the contact information on the card is accurate and all phone/cell numbers are current. The person listed as the number one contact on the card should be available to pick up your child or contact another relative/friend on the list in the case of sickness, etc. **It is important to realize that we need ONE emergency contact person who is able to pick up your child or to contact someone to pick up your child.** This allows us to continue to contact other parents in a speedy manner in the case of an early dismissal or emergency evacuation. Also, it is imperative to make sure your child/children's transportation information is accurate including bus towns and bus numbers. If your child takes the bus at any time during the week please list their bus #. If your child attends daycare at any time during the week please list them as a rider. If your child goes home by bus, and is a rider occasionally please list as bus #/rider. **All custody papers should be on file in the main office before the first day of school.**

The After-School Enrichment Program will begin on Monday, August 24th. Program reservation forms are enclosed. All reservation forms, as well as payment in full, must be made on the Friday prior to the reserved week/days. This enables us to staff and plan accordingly for the enrichment program. If you plan to have your child attend the first week of school please send in all paperwork and payments by August 19th. Sodexo will be providing lunch services starting Monday, August 31st. Menus and order forms will be sent home the first week of school. Please be sure to send your child with a lunch for the first week as there will be no lunch, snacks, or drinks available.

I pray the rest of your summer will be relaxing and fulfilling. Please be sure you have provided your children with the opportunity to visit libraries or bookstores to finish summer reading. Summer reading with your children should be an enjoyable recreation. It is intended to reinforce avid reading habits, which greatly increases literacy ability. I spend many of my own summer days in the pages of a book. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that my door is always open to discuss any of your ideas or concerns. I look forward to seeing you all again and am anticipating a wonderful 2009-2010 school year.

Please mark your calendars:

- ❖ August 24th- 1st Full Day of School Grades 1-8 (full spring /fall uniform)
Kindergarten Orientation 8:30-11:00 (no uniform)
- ❖ August 25th – 1st Full Day of School Kindergarten (full spring /fall uniform)
- ❖ September 1st – Open House 6:30
- ❖ September 4th - Welcome Back Mass 8:45

Peace and Prayers,

Mrs. Mary DiMuccio
Principal