

From the Principal's Desk

September 21, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you well. Our first three weeks of school have been great. Students and staff are getting back into their routines. "Bumps in the road" are being conquered as we move forward toward a wonderful new school year.

Enjoy these beautiful "autumn" days with your families.

God Bless.



Jacqueline B. Easley
Principal

For Your Consideration:

School Choice: Included in this week's white envelope (on our web) are a letter from Bishop Zubik and an article from Dr. Ron Bowes (Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh) urging all Catholics to "get behind" the effort to pass school choice legislation in Pennsylvania. A website is also listed for your information regarding this issue. Continue to support this effort by contacting your legislators on a regular basis. "School Choice Day" is September 30, 2011. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and your continued support of catholic education.

September All School Mass: We are celebrating our "back to school" mass on Thursday, September 29 at 8:45 am. At this time we will also have the installation of student representatives who have been elected to our Student Council. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Fundraising: I am pleased to announce that \$9,300.00 was raised for the school at our second annual golf outing on September 3rd. A special THANK YOU to Mr. Joe Wenger, Outing Coordinator and his committee, our parent and teacher volunteers, contributors and golfers for all that they did to make this event successful. Mark your calendars for next year's event which will be held on September 1, 2012. The proceeds from this fundraiser directly benefit our school children.

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Preschool: Our preschool students have settled into their new space. We are happy to have them in our building. Thank you to our preschool and school parents, our school students and staff for making this transition a smooth one for everyone concerned. We look forward to many “growing” days ahead.

Curriculum Nights: We look forward to seeing all of our parents from grades K-8 at the curriculum nights scheduled for September 27 (Grades K-4) and September 29 (Grades 5-8) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our teachers will be available to convey their expectations and give general information regarding their classes. Any additional concerns that you might have can be discussed with the teachers by contacting them to schedule a private conference.

Diocesan Data Base: Please be advised (as a reminder) that any volunteer working with the children in any capacity in our school must have all of their clearances, have attended the workshop “Protecting God’s Children” and as a final step registered in the diocesan data base. Kindly check our web page for specific directions regarding this process. This is mandatory for all volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Please continue to check our “website” for school updates and information, including the white envelope tab. Thank you for your continued support of CATHOLIC EDUCATION and St. Bonaventure Parish School.