

**Dear God,  
Help me to give and not just take  
to do and not just to talk  
to pray and to work  
to be a “go-giver” and a “go-getter.”**

October 2, 2007

Dear Families,

It appears that the lovely season of fall is making its way into our lives. I have noticed that at times I don't look around at the beauty that surrounds us. The days are drawing shorter while the darkness grows longer. God has a wonderful way of surprising us and beautifying our lives. Let's truly enjoy that. Our children have their seasons, too. So many of our children come to school shining brightly—ready to take hold of the challenges the day brings. They are happy and joyous. Others sit on the edge of the afternoon with so much learning to complete and so little time to finish it. Still others are blossoming in their new grade—producing lovely products that proclaim what great learners they are.

I find myself thinking about ways in which you can make a difference in your child's school life. I think it all begins with each of you passing on your expectations of your child(ren) before they leave for school—expectations of deep respect for all they meet today, expectations of hard and serious work, expectations that they will contribute to the safety of our school community, expectations of a strong, lived faith that reminds them that God is deeply in their hearts and is there for the asking. We weave our expectations with yours and hope that the fabric of their lives will be ever so colorful and inviting.

**Fundraiser: Our Katharyn Beich fundraiser ends this week. Please check your orders carefully before turning them in so that amounts of items orders equal the amount of money you are sending us. That will help those who are working on checking the orders.** This, of course, is a very important fundraiser that allows you to earn a large amount to the total of the fundraising fee you are trying to work off. Thanks to all of you who jumped right in and kept moving forward with this fundraiser. Speaking of fundraisers—**thanks to Mrs. Lopez who raised close to \$450** on our cafeteria special.

**Exclusion of students: I am sorry to say that some children may be excluded from school tomorrow because of outstanding tuition payments.** Mrs. Rodriguez will be in touch with you if you have missed several payments and owe a great deal. It is really important that you keep up with your monthly payments so that you do not end up with a large sum to pay. I am sorry that some of your children will be asked to miss school. I will hope that there will be no more exclusions from school in the future. I sincerely want all of our children here each day.

**Only you can make this happen! We have a large number of children who are arriving late each day. School is your child's place of work and being ON TIME is critical. I will be inviting some families to join me to discuss ways to get children here on time.** In our minds every moment is a critical learning time. Every moment must be accounted for. Let's totally reduce all late students to zero starting with tomorrow.

**Picture taking will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup>.** Whether you intend to purchase the pictures or not, every child's picture will be taken. It will be a dress-up day on that day.

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO SHOW THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>.**