

September 3, 2010
Feast of St. Gregory

Dear Parents,

Wow! It is hard to believe that today we finished our second Friday of this school year. All of your children are to be commended for their great behavior during this past week of school – especially with the very warm days we have had. Hopefully you will have the time to read this letter. It contains several important items regarding St. Vincent Elementary School.

First, **I am inviting you to attend the first Parents' Association Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 P.M. in Corrigan Hall (the school cafeteria).** During this meeting I will be giving a "State of the School" report. This will include our School Improvement Plan goals and future plans for the school. (Please note that this is a change in the date originally set last May.)

Second, **Catechetical Sunday is September 19.** Father Kraker will bless the school and faculty at the 9:00 mass. We will be having our fall **Open House on that day from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.** I encourage all of you to visit the school after, or before, mass on that day.

Third, I also encourage you to support the 8th grade mum sale and the 8th grade-sponsored school wide skating party of Thursday, September 23. Both of these fund raising activities are held to help defray expenses for the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Even if you do not currently have an 8th grader, someday you will. Information regarding the sale is attached to this week's newsletter.

Fourth, Ed-Line, the on-line website for checking your child's grades, is up and running. Remember that this service is only available for students in grades 3 through 8. If you experience difficulties with this web site, please call me.

Fifth, we continue to work very diligently to make arrival and dismissal run as smoothly as possible. Remember that school starts at 7:55 A.M. and does not end until 2:35 P.M. Please follow the procedure we have established for dropping off and picking up your children from school. I continually worry about the safety of our students and parents crossing Maple Street at the end of the school day.

I believe that we have gotten off to an excellent start of this school year. I thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your children, and I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve as principal of such a great school.

Sincerely,

Jim Tawney