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Dear Parents,

Summer is rapidly ending and the new school year is fast approaching. With this in mind, I'd like to share with you some of the new and exciting accomplishments and changes made over the summer. We have filled our teaching positions and some teachers have moved to different positions.

Mr. Jeff Wright, our Middle School Social Studies teacher, comes to us from Sylvan Learning Center where he has worked for the last ten years. Prior to his tenure with Sylvan he taught in the Mountain View School District. Mr. Wright holds Missouri certification to teach Middle School Social Studies. Mrs. Christy Hugunin also joins the Middle School team as our Religion teacher. She holds Missouri certification as well as Catechetical certification from the Diocese.

Mrs. Lisa Schuster joins us as our new first grade teacher. Mrs. Schuster previously taught in the Raytown School District and most recently has substituted in the Lee's Summit School District and at Presentation. She is Missouri certified to teach 1-8 grades.

Mrs. Becky Lynch joins the second grade teaching team this fall. Prior to joining our ECC last year, she taught for six years in the elementary classroom and was a substitute teacher for a period of time in Boone, Iowa before relocating with her family to the Kansas City area. She holds Iowa certification and is completing the necessary paperwork for Missouri certification.

Mrs. Colleen Daughtery joins the staff as our Learning Lab teacher. Mrs. Daughtery will work closely with Mrs. Mueller, the Lee's Summit School District and the classroom teachers to best meet the needs of all our students. She formally taught in the North Kansas City School District and most recently operated a successful in-home daycare. Mrs. Daughtery is Missouri certified and pursuing a masters' degree in special education from UCM.

Mrs. Janice Drake has moved from the first grade para-professional position to serve the school as our librarian. Mrs. Drake brings classroom experience to the library, is eager to work with the classroom teachers and will continue to grow the library and the Accelerated Reading program. Mrs. Drake is certified in the state of Kansas and is completing the necessary paperwork for her Missouri certification.

Mrs. Beth Ramirez (Feuerborn) will stay on as our ACED manager as well as take on the role of first grade part time para-professional vacated by Mrs. Drake. She will begin working with the students on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning in October, after completing her student teaching assignment. Mrs. Margee Williams will work full time until Mrs. Ramirez joins us in October.

Mrs. Vicki Mueller will continue in a full time capacity as our school counselor. She will work with Mrs. Daughtery to establish the student learning lab, continue to work with students and families and assist with administrative duties.

Under the direction and guidance of Mrs. Beth Ramirez (Feurborn), Mr. Corey Henry and staff, we will again have a successful ACED (After Care Extended Day) program. The ACED program will offer morning care from 6:30-7:30am each morning and after school care until 6pm. Days the ACED program is not available are listed on the school calendar. The ACED program will be offered after school, on most half and full days off throughout the year but will not be offered on snow days. Morning care will

not be offered on late start days. Please check the website for more details regarding the ACED program. Registration information will be available at Back to School Night.

A huge thank you to Fund-A-Need donors, PTO and Mr. Kay Davis! Because of your generosity and Mr. Davis' hard work, most classrooms are now equipped with document cameras, promethean boards and/or LCD projectors. New computers were also installed in the kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms. We are grateful for your generosity and Mr. Davis' hard work!

Mr. Davis, Mrs. Hayde and I have been diligently trying to learn the new Lumens Database system, **Lumenation**. Teachers will be trained when they return August 10th and 11th. As with any new database, we are quite overwhelmed at times and relying heavily on tech support. However, we are plugging along with the hopes of "going live" the first of September. More information will be available once school begins.

Again this year, the Southeast Jackson County Pod schools have made the decision to implement late starts as well as school cancellation as an option due to inclement weather. If we are on a late start, school will be open at 9:30 with classes beginning at 10:00. If you should decide not to send your child to school on a late start day, the absence will be excused since we do not want anyone driving when they are not comfortable with the road conditions. School cancellation will be a last resort. All delays and cancellations will be shown on TV, radio or station websites as **Southeast Jackson County Catholic Schools or Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School**. Notification will also be sent via the calling notification system, school website and email.

The Diocese requires all volunteers to attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. Presentation is sponsoring this workshop on Friday, August 14th from 6:30-9:00pm. Please go to the Diocesan website to register, www.diocese-kcsj.org.

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th from 3-6:00pm. Class lists will be posted to the website by 9:00am. Families are encouraged to attend and meet the teachers, drop off school supplies, sign up for ACED, scouts, and PTO that evening. If you are unable to attend, the school will be open Monday, August 17th from 8:00am to 12:00pm to drop off supplies.

Please check the website for supply lists, revised uniform policy, and ACED information. We look forward to seeing everyone at Back to School Night.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and time with your children; I know you will miss them once school begins!

God's Peace,
Mrs. Jodi Briggs
Principal



"The one who has hope lives differently"

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi*