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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The many faces of summer have brought us to the middle of August. The sun, the rain, the heat index, and the storms have managed to keep us all on our toes and challenged us to plan with great creativity. Our *Summer Survivor Program* was a great success this year thanks to the talented teachers who orchestrated wonderful activities. Mrs. Battaglia, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Tichy, and Miss Zarzycki creatively worked with themes that were fun, exciting, and creative!

In looking to our upcoming school year, I know that you are anxious, along with your children, to find out who their teachers will be. I am very proud and happy to let you know that fifteen out of sixteen members of our faculty will be returning for the 2008-2009 school year. While I am very sad to tell you that Miss Zarzycki will not be returning, I rejoice in her success in attaining a first grade position in the Livingston school system. They are very fortunate to acquire a teacher of such great quality and dedication. We are very grateful for the wonderful work Miss Zarzycki did with our first grade and our school community.

Miss Hicock, our fourth grade teacher, has graciously accepted the position of first grade teacher. As many of you know she previously taught grade 3 for a year and a half, Kindergarten for five years, and most recently, grade 4 for two years. We are very excited that Miss Hicock will be bringing a great deal of expertise to this new grade level. I know that students in last year's third grade were excitedly looking forward to Miss Hicock so I searched for someone who will make this fourth grade year a wonderful experience with many new opportunities. Mrs. Daw, mother of Rebecca (6<sup>th</sup>) and Josh (7<sup>th</sup>) has accepted our fourth grade position. Mrs. Daw comes to us from Saint Mary's in Denville where she taught computers in Kindergarten through grade 8 and middle school social studies along with heading up many of the school's activities. Previously, she spent five years teaching grade 3 at St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield. Currently, I am working to find a computer teacher for students in K-8. I will keep you apprised of the search. I am looking forward to working with these two fine teachers as well as the remainder of our returning staff:

Kindergarten	Mrs. Centanni	Grade Five	Mrs. Lange
	Mrs. Nelson	Grade Six Homeroom	Mrs. Adams
Grade One	Miss Hicock	Grade Seven Homeroom	Mrs. Lato
Grade Two	Mrs. Battaglia	Grade Eight Homeroom	Miss Tournoux
Grade Three	Mrs. Tichy	Social Studies 6, 7, 8	Mrs. Price
Grade Four	Mrs. Daw	Spanish	Mrs. Rodriguez
Physical Education	Mrs. Donaldson	Secretary	Mrs. DeSimone
Music	Mrs. James	Receptionist	Mrs. Davino

Art	Mrs. Quintino	Nurse	Mrs. Rice
Library	Mrs. Sokol	Maintenance	Mr. Russell

As I wrote in a recent newspaper article, this is the forty-seventh year that Saint Rose of Lima Academy will be opening its doors for a new school year. I can't wait for all to see the beautiful new ceramic-tiled floor in the cafeteria, computer lab, and Spanish classroom. A lot of hard work has gone into painting, laying the floor, and preparing the rooms for the children. Many thanks to Father Owen, Mrs. Mendoza, Mr. Russell, Carl Kazmirek, and the Custom Tile Company for bringing alive a wonderful place for the children and parents of the Academy.

Now let me begin with the news and notes you will need for the first few days.

- ◆ September 2<sup>nd</sup> is day one. New families and students report to the cafeteria at 9:00 A.M. for orientation after which they will go to the classrooms to meet teachers, find books and schedules, and fill in emergency cards. Returning families will go to classrooms between 9 and 11 A.M. **Please be sure to bring emergency names and phone numbers along with doctor and hospital information** so that you can complete the Emergency Form for each child in your family before you leave for the day.
- ◆ On September 3<sup>rd</sup> school begins at 7:30 A.M. and dismissal is at 11:30 A.M. Bus service will be available that day.
- ◆ September 4<sup>th</sup> is the first full day of school with Aftercare from 2-6 P.M. Please be sure you have registered for Aftercare.
- ◆ September 5<sup>th</sup> is First Friday and our opening of school Mass will be at 8:00 A.M. Please join us in prayer if it works with your schedule.

### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- ◆ When shopping for sneakers, please look for **all white or predominantly white sneakers**. The other color should be black, if it is necessary. These can be used with the summer uniform and for gym days throughout the year. Our uniforms are supplied by Flynn & O'Hara and Lands' End. Girls' skorts must be purchased through one of these suppliers. You will find the Academy Dress Code on the website – [www.saintroseoflimaacademy.org](http://www.saintroseoflimaacademy.org). We receive a percentage of the sales from both companies and the money is given directly to the Home and School. This is a great opportunity to support the HSA and work toward the \$90,000 commitment.
- ◆ Mrs. McVicar will coordinate a **Used Uniform Sale** in the cafeteria on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> following the 10:00 A.M. Mass and again on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-5:30 P.M.
- ◆ Enclosed you will find your letter from the East Hanover Department of Transportation regarding the bus schedule for your child(ren). Should you have any question, please contact the East Hanover Board of Education (the number at the bottom of the yellow sheet.) If you do not live in East Hanover, you should be receiving information from your local department of transportation.
- ◆ The **Honeywell Instant Alert System** will be used again this year. It has proved invaluable for contacting families for inclement weather, emergency closings,

reminders for important events, and situations requiring quick communication between home and school. Again this year the \$5.00 fee per child will be paid from the school budget. It is imperative that you check your Honeywell account to be sure that all phone numbers and email addresses are current. New families will receive information on how to open an account and register for this service. In addition, we will again try to contact families by **email**. Please make sure that we have your most current email address by filling in the form in your first-day packet.

- ◆ **Protecting God's Children Program** is an essential piece for volunteering in any school program whether it be sports, homeroom parent, or anyone participating on a regular basis with the children. The time and place of classes are listed at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or you can click the link to Virtus on our website, [www.saintroseoflimaacademy.org](http://www.saintroseoflimaacademy.org). Fingerprinting with a background check can be completed at the local police department. **Be sure to notify the office staff with the information about the session you have attended.**
- ◆ **CAR RAFFLE TICKETS** – Each school/parish family received car raffle tickets to sell. Be sure that all returns come to the school office so that you may receive credit towards your \$500 commitment. If you car sit in front of the Church, be sure you have your name on the brown envelope for your car-sitting time and you will also receive this credit. Remember that a percentage of the profit from the car raffle goes toward the HSA \$90,000 commitment. Without each of you, our success is limited.
- ◆ All families should have received their category letter for the **TRICKY TRAY**. Just as we did last year, we are asking each family to contribute a basket in the assigned category with a value of \$100 (Shop wisely!) Families will receive a credit of \$50 toward the HSA \$500 commitment and we will proudly display your name in the booklet and on your basket. In addition, we have lowered the Tricky Tray volunteer hours to five. Each of those hours is valued at \$27.50. We know that many of you do way more than that and your commitment to the children of our school is greatly appreciated. As always **WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!** Your time is even more valuable than your money!
- ◆ By now you should have submitted your first payment to **TMS (Tuition Management System)** either for August 1 or August 15. If you have not done so already, you will incur late fees. Please call if you need assistance.

The teachers, Mrs. DeSimone, Mrs. Davino, Mr. Russell, and I are working very hard to get things ready for the children to come. It promises to be an exciting year of learning, praying, having fun, and getting to know everyone all over again in new and different ways. We wish all of our alumni great things and God's blessings as they begin their work in high school and college. I look forward to seeing each of you in September and I hope that the remainder of your summer is filled with fun, play, relaxation, and of course, prayer.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tomlinson