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Dear Parents,

We are back on track with the Family Folders and will look to send them out as we have done in the past on the first and third Fridays of each month. As we progress through the year more and more information in terms of flyers and notices will be put on the website with the goal of reducing the amount of paper coming home.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Diocesan Acceptable Use Policy. This is a mandatory form which details the Diocesan policy with regard to the use of school related technology. Every student must have this form on file each year. I am asking that you, as the parent, sign the form and return it to school on Monday when you return the Family Folder envelope. Classes will have a session with Mrs. Casselbury, the technology teacher, where she will explain and discuss the policy with the students. At that time, students will sign the policy. The only exception to this is Kindergarten. Parents, please take a few minutes to talk about the policy with your child and return the signed form with both yours and their signatures.

Thank you to those who attended the first PTO meeting of the year this past Tuesday evening. Hopefully those who attended walked away with a bit more information on the topic of math acceleration and what mathematics in high school looks like. I encourage all families to join the PTO and take time to attend the monthly meetings. The PTO Executive Board is always looking for new input and ideas to help promote the various programs within the school.

Today your student(s) are bringing home information regarding Race for Education. The annual event will be held on November 13th throughout the school day. Opportunities to volunteer are available. Most importantly, I ask that you please take the time to read all of the information that is coming home to you as the format for completing the mailers has changed this year.

Proceeds from Race for Education will go towards upgrades in the area of technology. The Diocese of Arlington is in the process of rolling out a timeline that will ultimately take us to online testing for the administration of the Terra Nova test. In order to be ready to meet the challenge of online testing we need to replace the aging laptops that we currently have and make upgrades to computer lines and wireless connectivity. Thank you in advance for supporting this endeavor. Thank you also to Jeff Cleveland and Jeanette Spirides, the chairs of this event for all of the work that has already been done for the kick off.



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Both the grocery card and Box Tops for Education programs run through the PTO are easy and worthwhile programs for the school. While you are filling in the grocery card number form that came home at the beginning of the year do not forget to list your own grocery card numbers too. Remember that to be included in the chance to win the \$50 iTunes gift card you must submit your form by Friday, September 26th. With this folder the first Box Tops for Education challenge is included.

Over the summer one of the Parish's projects was to repave and reline the upper parking lot. It has been brought to my attention that the new spaces seem to be on the "thin" side. Please remind your students to be very careful when opening car doors so as to avoid, as best as possible, scratching other cars.

On Monday, September 22nd we will have a prayer service at 8:30 am in the gym as we continue to pray for peace. This past week the students made pinwheels which they will "plant" in the front circle as a part of the international Pinwheels for Peace project. We would love for you to join us and start your day, as we do ours, in prayer.

Blessings always,

Maureen C. Ashby
Principal