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September 16, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our students have enjoyed a wonderful start to the new school year and we have enjoyed having them back in school. We have prepared for the year with our spiritual theme: *We walk by faith as children of the light under the auspices of Our Lady of Guadalupe.* We work together and grow together, united by a common mission to form young people in faith and knowledge for success in this life and the next. A big part of growing together is growing in pedagogical skills with ongoing professional development and access to great resources. We have a new science program, aligned with STEM, inquiry based learning, and Next Generation Science Standards. New programs have also been purchased for middle school literacy and language arts. Our security has been enhanced with additional cameras at all entrances and hallways and WiFi has been updated. Additional laptops and iPads have also been added. Professional development is focused on inquiry learning, differentiated instruction, and project-based learning this year. Our many extracurricular offerings enhance our education, so please check the website and Activities Calendar for details.

Our Home School Association is very active and sponsors many activities and fundraisers. The Magazine Sale has begun, and I thank Mrs. Kolomyetz for chairing this fundraiser. Our HSA will present at Back-to-School Night, which will be held on September 19, beginning at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Information about HSA, extracurricular activities, and the launch of STOPit will be provided. This year, we are also offering spirit wear, and samples will be available to view. STOPit is an online reporting tool designed to deter and mitigate bullying, cyber abuse, and other inappropriate behaviors. Mrs. McAndrew will also speak about the difference between normal classroom conflict and bullying. Parents/guardians of students in grades 1-8 will then visit the classrooms to meet teachers and learn expectations for the year. Eighth grade parents/guardians should visit room 207 first to receive important information about the eighth grade year.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education of your child and for your dedication. I look forward to a wonderful year.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.  
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