



Summer, 2010

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy summer! While this time of the year is a time of rest and relaxation for many, our school staff is already working diligently to prepare for your return to school in September. For example, we are converting our space to create a new Pre-K and Grade 6 and 7 classrooms, and also completing our replacement of all school ceilings, including the hallways and cafeteria ceilings. This is a huge accomplishment representing years of work. We will now begin painting our new rooms, and replacing restroom stalls throughout the building, beginning this year with those most in need of repair. Our custodians are moving furniture from one classroom to another so that for the first time in decades, we will have our K-1 through Grade 1 classrooms on the first floor—our Grade 2-4 classroom on the second floor and our Grade 5-8 classrooms on the third floor. Although this may not seem newsworthy, it does give a more logical order to our structure. Finally, the administrative staff works throughout the summer to structure our finances, order and arrange new supplies, update our files, etc. Summer is one of the busiest times for our administrative and custodial staffs. Although we will be working full-time to prepare for the fall classes during the summer months, we will also remain open for other school business from 9am-1pm each day for your convenience.

Summer is also one of the busiest seasons for Bingo. Our school volunteer policy requires that all families either attend Bingo once a year or pay \$200 to “buy out” of this duty. Fr. Casey and Deacon Dan are in dire need of your assistance, so if you have not volunteered during this year’s Bingo season which ends on August 31, please call the school office or e-mail [Bingo@stagathaparish.org](mailto:Bingo@stagathaparish.org) to schedule a time for your service. Bingo income generates over \$200,000 this year, which represents a savings of \$400 on each student’s tuition. Four hours of annual service represents \$100/hour donation to our school! In justice, every parent should fulfill this obligation for which each family benefits and we thank you for doing your part to improve our school’s finances each year.

Soon, a packet containing many necessary forms will be mailed to you to be completed and returned to the school office. These forms include orders for optional milk and lunch programs, volunteer registrations, as well as medical emergency cards, the school calendar, and summer reading lists. Feel free to call on the school office if you have any questions about these materials.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this time of rest and restoration and I look forward to seeing you in September. Until then, may our Good and Great God hold you and your families in the palm of His Hand where he will keep you safe and at peace.

Sincerely,

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