

*Celebrating our Success: Preparing for our Future*

Dear Friends,

Over two years ago, we came together as the educational community of St. Joseph Parish and St. Charles Borromeo Parish to form one united school for both of our parishes. Since 2009, Holy Family Catholic School has welcomed students into a Christ-centered, academically-rich environment through proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in religious instruction, faith development, and academic education. Holy Family Catholic School is committed to help each student grow spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and globally to the fullest of their human potential, and to challenge our students to recognize their humanity and uniqueness as a God-given gift. Over the past two years we have done just that, and so much more.

We are building a team to construct a strategic plan to guide our future success and would like to ask you to join our team to provide whatever expertise and thoughts that you might have that will help us construct a solid working plan for our school going forward.

***Our Accomplishments:***

We could never have come as far as we have thus far without your support, prayers, participation and encouragement. In two short years we have successfully merged two schools into one Catholic School that serves the families of both our parishes with distinction.

We have been able to increase our student population by 20% over our initial student count at the time of the inception of Holy Family Catholic School. This success has been due to the direction of extremely supportive pastors, the hard work of a dedicated and energetic school principal, the commitment of highly qualified and loyal staff members, the dedication of a hard-working and strategic school board, as well as the hard work and dedication of our parents, parishioners and community. We have begun this school year with a 92% student retention rate, which tells us we are on the right track.

We have been able to continue successful fundraising events and add some new initiatives, which have significantly improved the financial stability of our school. This has enabled us to completely upgrade our technology lab, including the purchase of two new Smart Boards and new iPads this year alone.

We offer a well rounded academic foundation, consistently performing at or above average in all areas. We now include many outside resources as part of our school program including a Social Worker and Resource Teacher, Art, Band, Choir, Basketball, Volleyball and Cheerleading to name a few.

We have established annual school events and community service projects which bring our families together for our common cause; passing on the Catholic Faith to our children. Our extremely dedicated staff constantly goes beyond expectation in giving of their time, treasure and talents to our school, our parishes and our communities. This is truly a vocation for them, not

just a “job”. Our active Parent Club ensures that many outside activities and events are offered to our students and our community. The School Board is constantly progressing by looking to the future and planning for our continued growth and improvement.

Our mission, our vision, and our accomplishments are clear. We have laid the foundation for our school over the past two years. Now we plan into the future by working with our stakeholders to formalize our vision into a *strategic plan*.

***Call to Action:***

As with any building, construction begins with a blue print. This is the formal building plan which outlines timelines, resources, workers and costs of the project. Next, the foundation is laid and when it is sound, the construction crew works as a team, building upon that foundation, following detailed blue print plans, until the building reaches completion.

So it is also true of building a successful school. We have our strong foundation in place. We are now ready to build the “blue print”; our Holy Family Catholic School Strategic Plan. We must build a strategic plan to ensure all members of our “teams” are working together effectively and efficiently toward our common goals.

***We need your help:***

We need parishioners and school families to work together to help develop the strategic plan for our school. Perhaps you want to help ensure the continued growth of our school, perhaps you want to be involved in planning how parish subsidies are spent, perhaps you’ve developed strategic plans in your place of employment, perhaps you simply enjoy writing or planning~ we need you!

Our first step is to build our team: please consider joining the ***Strategic Planning Team***. Contact the school office if you would like to help us develop our plan. Should you have any questions, or if you would like more information, please contact Corie Alimento or Denise Steinbrecher.

We thank you for your constant prayers and support for our school.

God Bless,

Rev. John Klein  
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo

Rev. Luis Gutierrez  
Pastor, St. Joseph

Mrs. Corie Alimento  
Principal

Mrs. Denise Steinbrecher  
School Board President