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Dear St. John Parents,

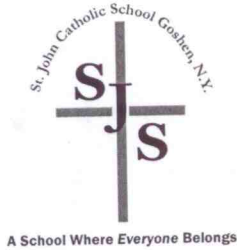
Greetings! As I shared with you in my last letter, we started our school year on the birthdate of our Blessed Mother. We move into our second month of school, October, which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. As our mother Mary always leads us to her son, Jesus, we at St. John School have responded to her love and guidance.

Our Back to School Night took place in this glorious month. We were all moved by the words of Sr. Barbara and Sr. Paracleta and their message to us. We were reminded of the Baltimore Catechism and the purpose for which we were created; to know God, to love God, to serve God in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. It was the message of Back to School Night and it is what we work towards at St. John School. I have had the opportunity to speak with each class about what those words mean and how we make them come alive in our school. Each class has taken on a responsibility to share our knowledge, our love and our service to God. Let me share with you how our grades PreK-8 are making this happen at St. John School:

- Grade 8: Each morning, an eighth grade prayer leader leads the entire school in morning prayers. The eighth grade class is also responsible for preparing and hosting our monthly school mass.
- Grade 7: Our seventh grade class is learning about the many global and local groups that are in need of our prayers. They have put together a list of intentions for us to pray on a daily basis.
- Grade 6: Each week two sixth grade students volunteer to give up their recess for the week and stay in the cafeteria helping our kindergarten class at lunch. They open milk cartons, assist in purchasing snacks and connect with our kindergarten class. They are beautiful role models.
- Grade 5: Our fifth grade boys and girls are reflecting on prayers, psalms, quotes from the saints and biblical passages that resonate with them as a class. They are responsible for sharing statements that resonate with them and deepen our connection to our Catholic identity on the bulletin board outside the gymnasium.
- Grade 4: Our fourth grade students have taken on the role of “mentor” for our third grade class to provide guidance and friendship. As our students move up in our building (both in grade level and to the upper floor), our fourth grade boys and girls help our younger students navigate the changes, challenges, and expectations of the new school year.
- PreK-3: Our youngest group of students is working as a class to share what they consider to be the “Fun Facts about St. John School.” This list includes not only what they most like about school, but how they are encountering God in our building.

As you can see, our students are engaged in knowing God, loving God, and serving God at St. John School.

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The month of October brought with it additional support from two new support staff members in our building. You may remember that I introduced them to you at Back to School Night, but I wanted to share a little background information with you about our two new staff positions.

Please welcome Mrs. Therese Urato to our staff. She joins us in her role as Teacher's Aide. Mrs. Urato has been a part of St. John School and parish for over 25 years. Not only is she a parent of a St. John School graduate, but she is a parishioner and a Eucharistic Minister at St. John Church. Mrs. Urato comes to us from the Goshen Central School District where she has worked for the last eighteen years.

Please also welcome Mrs. Darleen Whelan to our staff. As many of you may know, Mrs. Whelan is a parent of a St. John student and has served as a substitute teacher for the last 16 months. She joins us in the Kindergarten class! St. John School is a recipient of a very generous donation made to the Archdiocese of New York. This donation has provided our Kindergarten class with new furniture, resources, iPads, curriculum materials and a Kindergarten Aide!

As we draw near to the end of this month and our dedication to the Holy Rosary, please join us for a very special presentation of The Living Rosary led by Mrs. Michels and students from grades 3-6 on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 12:50pm in St. John Church. This is a beautiful way to end this spectacular month!

Respectfully,

Lisa Ferraro
Principal
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