

Dear Friends,

We have been a part of many celebrations this past school year. Our second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion and the eighth graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as two of their classmates being welcomed fully into the Catholic faith. Our band earned a Superior rating in the Archdiocesan band competition, and our students received essay awards and over \$89,000 in scholarships to Catholic high schools. We will always celebrate this year as the year that we reached our million dollar goal for the Endowment! However, the achievement that stands out the most this year is receiving Middle States re-accreditation.

Being re-accredited is a feather in our cap, so to speak, as it is an credible outside agency that puts its stamp of approval on our school as an excellent place of learning. While it would seem that we are now done, the fact remains that we are just beginning to put into action the strategic plan. It was developed by so many individuals who have a deep love for our school and a great desire to see that it continues to be available to all of our parents who desire a total educational program for their children.

First and foremost we must never compromise the reasons we came into existence: to pass on our Catholic faith in an environment most conducive to learning as well as to challenge each of our students to be the best they can be. Stabilizing our enrollment with an aggressive marketing plan, establishing a financial scholarship program, continuing to be innovative in fundraising techniques which will keep us fiscally sound, and maintaining our school facilities to meet the needs of the times round out the other goals we have set for ourselves over the next seven years. With hard work and always relying on Divine Providence, we will reach these goals.

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in our school programs and students over these many years by your presence, prayers, and financial support. We consider you a part of our school community in our daily prayers and commitment to make our world a better place because we are in it!

Sincerely yours,

Sister Kathleen