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September 13, 2011

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff members,

The weather is starting to change as we move into the last half of our first quarter of the school year. They say time flies when you are enjoying what you are doing. I am enjoying my role as Principal of Saint Michael Catholic School so time is really flying for me.

Last week was very special for our students and staff. On Wednesday, following our school Mass, we hosted a coffee and reception for the “grandparents” of our Parish. Our children greeted them, made placemats and cards for them and our older students entertained them with songs. Between 25 and 30 parishioners joined us that morning and we hope to host more of those throughout the school year. What a wonderful experience to see the parishioners excited and happy to be with our students and in the school setting.

Our Prayer Service in Remembrance of 9-11 was also a special day for us. The reverence with which the students read, prayed and sang brought special joy to me. Throughout the classrooms, the events (both bad and good) of that day in 2001 were discussed and shared. We hope that our students continue to live as good, caring and loving Christians in all of their daily encounters with people.

The week of September 26 we will be conducting our IOWA Testing throughout the entire Diocese. It is very important that your children are alert and present during the week to do their best on the tests. The results of the standardized testing are used by the classroom teachers and the entire faculty as we work with each child and plan for the optimum program for Saint Michael School. Thank you for helping your child/ren with a good night’s sleep each evening and a good breakfast before they arrive.

The PTO-sponsored Harvest Fest is only a few weeks away. October 8 is the date and Valor Park in Market Common is the location. Please double-check your Tuesday packet for further information. This coming weekend, a flyer will be in the church bulletin and posters/advertisements are being displayed throughout the community. Information on ways to volunteer/help will be coming to you through the PTO Parent/Liaison. Thank you for all you will do to make this year’s Harvest Fest the best it has ever been.

As the mid-year arrives, we hope you have been able to keep track of your child/ren’s progress through our [TrackMyGrades](#) program. Included with this newsletter is a Progress Report Form, which we ask 1-8 families to print and submit for each of your children. This is our way of ensuring you are able to access [TrackMyGrades](#) and/or need to contact a teacher to discuss the grades as we progress through this first quarter of the school year. We do ask that one be completed for each of your children. You can return them to the homeroom teacher.

Construction on the new Saint Michael Catholic Church is beginning this week. Part of that construction will involve moving the current church parking lot to the area where there are now trees surrounding the church. During the construction we may need to alter Car Pool (afternoon), in order to avoid the machinery. We will keep you posted ahead of time on any changes needed, while our new church begins to rise toward the Heavens. We thank everyone in advance for your understanding and flexibility for the safety of students during the construction.

As the weather is predicted to turn cooler this weekend, we anticipate the changing of leaf colors. When those changes occur we are reminded of the many changes in our lives as we move into a new season. May the colors in your lives be as bright and cheery, as the beauty of all of God's creation.

God bless all of you throughout the coming month.

Humbly working in His name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph J. Cherry".

Mrs. Cherry, Principal



Progress Report

2011-2012 School Year

Please review your child's progress on TrackMyGrades. Please initial next to the appropriate response to this report of progress for your child.

- ◆ _____ I have reviewed my child's progress.
- ◆ _____ I have reviewed my child's progress and will email the teacher/s with my questions/concerns.
- ◆ _____ I do not have access to TrackMyGrades. I understand that a copy of my child's averages will be sent home in the next Tuesday envelope.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____