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Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to St. Peter's Catholic School for the 2009-2010 school year. We express our deepest gratitude to all of our parents, students, and faculty for their generous support in our various fundraising efforts last year. The start of a school year is a good time to explain the importance of a strong development program and to illustrate how its success is essential to your child's education. Tuition at St. Peter's covers roughly 80-90% of the total cost necessary to educate your child each year. This gap equates to approximately \$160.00 per child. We have covered these expenses in one of three ways: fundraising events, parent volunteerism, and contributions to the Annual Giving Campaign. We have been able to avoid drastic increases in tuition thanks to the support of our St. Peter's families. Participation in these programs is on the decline. Our expenses continue to increase. In order to offset this deficit, without raising tuition, we have implemented new goals for the Development Office of our school. These goals include: 100% participation in the Annual Giving Campaign, a service commitment (volunteer time) per family, and 100% participation in at least two fundraising events during the year. (If you have participated in The Candy Man event, you are halfway there!)

It is our desire to have every family active in our volunteer program. You are our most valuable resource! This year we are asking that every family be responsible for a service commitment of 15-20 hours to the school. We have plenty of opportunities to fulfill your obligation and look forward to your involvement. Please check the website for the Volunteer Opportunity form. We understand that the service hours may be a hardship to some. Please see Mrs. Watson or Mrs. Hudson for options.

Thank you to our volunteers and supporters, who generously give of their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE, to St. Peter's Catholic School. We take our responsibility seriously to be good stewards of your gifts and promise to work diligently to make this our best year yet!

Sincerely,

Page Watson, Interim Principal
Kelly Hudson, Director of Development