

August 2011

Dear Parents,

The season of summer has many facets and this year we have seen them all! Our unseasonably cool June, then our sunny, hot and humid July with some intense thunderstorms thrown in. Then, as July ended we enjoyed those sunny, breezy summer days with peaceful nights that allow us to sleep comfortably with our windows open listening to all of God's creations! Now that August is here we look forward to our last days of summer as we prepare for the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. As Principal at Holy Angels Preschool and Elementary, I am filled with gratitude and humbleness that I am continuing as part of the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools system where we assist parents in fully forming children's hearts, minds and souls to bring glory to God.

In just about a month your child will be embarking on a wonderful preschool experience. We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child, as we value the partnership in faith-based education. Preschool offers a wide variety of opportunities for your child and family. Your child will make new friends and gain new skills through meaningful learning experiences. In turn, you will experience the joy of watching your child take the first steps toward independence in a quality learning environment.

On Monday, August 29th at 6:00pm in the St. Francis High School Library, there will be a meeting for new Preschool parents to meet your child's teacher and teacher's assistants. At this meeting, we will go over information that you will need to know to ensure a smooth start to the school year. Teachers will be scheduling fifteen-minute orientation conference appointments for the week of September 6th – 9th. **Please call your child's teacher before August 29th to schedule a conference.** Enclosed with this letter are a Personal Inventory Sheet and 2 white Child Information Cards. **Every line on the white cards needs to be filled in as a requirement by the State of Michigan's preschool licensing regulations. If there are lines that do not apply to your situation, please put an "X" in those sections.** Bring these forms with you to the August 29th meeting or your child's conference, as we must have them before the first class session.

Important Reminders:

- 2 current photos of your child are needed for classroom use
- School bag/Back pack (two loop handles/open tote style preferred, but large enough for the folder)
- 2 pocket folder
- August 1st – Tuition and Green Health Forms due – Tuition Coupons are included in this mailing
- **Before August 29** – Please call your child's teacher to schedule a conference
- **Monday, August 29th – 6:00pm – New Preschool Parent Meeting – St. Francis High School Library**
- Wednesday, August 31 – 6:30pm – Holy Angels Open House and Ice Cream Social
- Week of September 6th – 9th – Preschool Conferences
- Week of September 12th – Preschool classes begin

The Gladhander Auction 2011, "Seuss on the Loose!" will be held on Saturday, October 29th. This is a major fundraiser that benefits all of our GTACS students. Please watch for information on upcoming Gladhander events. One event already scheduled is the Women's Road Rally on Saturday, September 24. For more information, please call 941-GLAD (4523).

The school office will be open beginning August 22nd. Please call us at 946-5961 with any questions you may have or leave us a message and we will get back with you. Again, we are looking forward to a great year with your child and family.

Serving Children and Christ,

Janet M. Troppman
Principal