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To: Families and Friends of our Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Schools

RE: Welcome Back

Dear Families and Friends,

On behalf of Bishop Peter Jugis and our Vicar for Catholic Schools, Father Timothy Reid, I am pleased to welcome you back for another great school year. Whether you are joining us for the first time, or are one of our embedded, long-serving school families, please know how excited we are to have you as a part of our school community.

Our diocesan-wide school theme this year is “One Church. One Family.” Our school family covers hundreds of miles, from Charlotte to the Triad Area to the Blue Ridge mountains. We each bring a variety of talents and gifts from our numerous backgrounds, but we share a unified vision: to help our children perfect their abilities so that they can live virtuous and happy lives, and ultimately seek eternal life with God.

The Vatican’s department of the Congregation for Catholic Education has two quotes that align with this year’s theme. This first one is from *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School: Guidelines for Reflection and Renewal*:

Everyone directly involved in the school is a part of the school community: teachers, directors, administrative and auxiliary staff. Parents are central figures, since they are the natural and irreplaceable agents in the education of their children. And the community also includes the students since they must be active agents in their own education. (#32)

Our students could not fulfill their goals as excellent students, athletes, artists and leaders without your help and support, and our good teachers could not minister to and help form your children without your reinforcement and partnership. As we begin another year, those of us teachers and school leaders who have the joy of serving you, our parents, will continue to affirm that “[t]he family is ‘the first and fundamental school of social living,’ therefore, there is a special duty to accept willingly and even to encourage opportunities for contact with the parents of students” (Lay Catholics in Schools: Witnesses to Faith, #34).

We invite you to continue to communicate with your teachers and set up times to visit and volunteer in our schools and classrooms. Let us accompany you through your triumphs and challenges, and please help us post and share the Good News that occurs in our schools each day. We are one, Catholic School family, and we are glad to begin another adventure with you and your children this academic year! We promise you our continued prayers and thank you for the trust you place in us.

In Christ,

Dr. Gregory P. Monroe
Superintendent of Catholic Schools