

CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL

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Dear Families of CPS,

Last March, the School Board helped to develop the annual school budget based upon an enrollment of 245 students for the 2015-16 school year. In order to develop an accurate budget, we made a projection of what our expenses would be for the upcoming school year and utilized the same tuition figures from the prior year to determine how much tuition would need to increase to cover those expenses. In an effort to keep our tuition increase as low as possible, we projected a \$40,000 deficit for the close of the 2015-16 school year. We tightened our belts and we are proud to announce that we were able to end our school year with a \$41,901.50 surplus. Quite an achievement for us all!

Father Tom and I took a grand leap of faith and with the help of Sharon Weaver, Alyse Sandborn, Perri Griffin, Jodi Kotrady-Hatin, Laura Delbrugge and a crew of volunteers from our PTO, we kicked off the Legacy of Faith Sponsorship Program. The hours of planning to develop the marketing materials, secure the sponsorships, keep accurate accounting records and create banners and signs to promote our sponsors was truly a gift to our entire community. Sponsorships totaling \$61,651 rolled in to CPS in commemoration of our 100th Anniversary. Families of CPS and sponsorships funded the Centennial Gala, The Golf Tournament, the Michelle Borba Event and the 5K Run. In addition, we were able to paint the Lyceum stairwell and After Care Room at a cost of over \$12,000. After all of this, the PTO will have start-up funds available to begin the 2016-17 school year. We owe a big debt of gratitude to all who helped with the Legacy of Faith Sponsorship Program and we look forward to its continuation in the years to come!

In addition, families, faculty and staff of CPS participated in the World Café' to prepare our Strategic Long-Range Plan for the future of CPS. I have attached the plan for you to review. Many of the items listed in "Opportunities for School Improvement" have already been addressed or will be addressed during this school year.

We begin the 2016-17 school year at this time with an enrollment of 251 in Grades K-8 and an enrollment of nine (9) children in our new Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program. How wonderful for our families with siblings to have one-stop shopping! We are growing everyone and we have two more weeks before school begins to grow even more...spread the Good News!

In the Spirit,

Kathy Boice, Principal