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Dear Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a great school year and for making my first (of many, hopefully) year as Principal such an enjoyable year. I really loved getting to know each and every student in the building and having the chance to see every classroom. From those class visits, I have developed a new appreciation for what an unbelievably caring and devoted staff we have at SCS. The teachers amazed me daily with the things they were doing in their classroom!

I also want to give some school information that was not able to be shared throughout the year. First, enrollment for next year is around or just a bit under last year. K5 is the only class that is currently full and wait listing for next year. Other grades are open for new student enrollment. With that said, if you know anyone who may be a good fit for SCS or is looking for a school for their child, please tell them to call the school or come by and visit. We do have some business cards with information about the school in the office if you would like some to hand out. The summer hours for the school will be Tuesday-Thursday, 9 am until 1 pm.

Despite slightly lower enrollment and limited budget, the school is still pushing forward with some improvements. This summer, we'll be upgrading security to more modern equipment, such as better exterior door locks with key fob entry. We'll also be upgrading and extending our security cameras for more coverage and enhancing the entry way to the school to a more secure area. If the budget allows, look for a couple of other cosmetic updates. ☺

Another exciting journey we're starting next school year is to incorporate the STREAM model into the instructional day. We'll be partnering with the Stem Centers of SC to bring more of a focus to Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math in all of our classes. The STREAM model provides resources and activities geared towards a hands-on learning environment to provide students with skills to prepare them for the types of jobs that will be available when they reach adulthood.

We are fortunate this year that we will not have many staff changes for next year. Sadly, as always, we'll be saying goodbye to a few of our school family. Mrs. Ruoss (2nd grade), Miss Tiernan (K3), Ms. Mahaney (K3), Mrs. Stewart (morning EDP), and Miss Tosca (afternoon EDP) will all be moving on to other opportunities.

Though we are sad to lose these staff members, we have some exciting changes in store for next year. Sister Trudy will be taking her patience and expertise to the K3 classroom and Gaby Gonzalez will be taking over K4. Mrs. Gonzalez has been in the building all year as a teacher intern in Mrs. Martyn's classroom and as a sub for the last part of the year. Mrs. Gonzalez will bring excitement and enthusiasm to the class and is super excited to get started. I will be hiring a full-time K4 assistant in the coming weeks. Mrs. P, who is our current K4 assistant, will be taking over the 2nd grade teaching position. She did a fantastic job with the four-year-olds this year and has a wealth of experience as a lead teacher and will bring that same work ethic and structure to 2nd grade.

Below are the MAP scores for our Spring testing session and a comparison to the national norms, the all Catholic school mean and the Diocese of Charleston Mean. As you can see, we do quite well when stacked up against others. These tests are used to determine areas of emphasis to focus on to help improve across all levels. Keep in mind these scores are just a snapshot at the time it was taken. As with all tests, any number of outside factors could affect test scores. Small class size can also heavily impact average test scores for a grade level.

Spring MAP scores, along with national norms, all Catholic school mean and Diocesan mean:

Math

Grade Level	SCS	National Norm	All Catholic School Mean	Diocese of Charleston Mean
K5	166.4	159.1	NA	NA
1st	186.8	180.8	NA	NA
2nd	199.9	192.1	196.4	192.1
3rd	206.1	203.4	205.4	205.2
4th	223.0	213.5	215.6	213.9
5th	226.7	221.4	224.1	223.6
6th	220.1	225.3	228.7	228.0
7th	239.9	228.6	235.4	234.3
8th	233.9	230.9	240.2	239.3

Reading

Grade Level	SCS	National Norm	All Catholic School Mean	Diocese of Charleston Mean
K5	167.1	158.1	NA	NA
1st	191.3	177.5	NA	NA
2nd	196.6	188.7	194.5	192.4
3rd	204.6	198.6	203.6	205.2
4th	216.1	205.9	210.9	211.2
5th	221.1	211.8	217.2	218.3
6th	215.1	215.8	221.1	221.9
7th	227.5	218.2	225.2	227.1
8th	230.2	220.1	228.4	229.3

Language

Grade Level	SCS	National Norm	All Catholic School Mean	Diocese of Charleston Mean
2nd	202.4	189.7	196.1	195.3
3rd	204.9	200.0	205.4	207.2
4th	214.8	206.7	212.3	212.0
5th	218.1	211.5	217.6	219.1
6th	214.7	215.3	221.7	223.1
7th	228.3	217.6	225.0	227.3
8th	232.0	219.0	228.7	230.6

Thanks and have a great summer!

Mr. T