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SCHOOL

*Enriching heart, mind & soul*

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Dear Friends,

It is once again my honor and privilege to write to you as the principal of St. Anne School. St. Anne School - Our Future is Bright” is our 2017-2018 school slogan and how appropriate those words are to the St. Anne School community! During the summer of 2017 we were busy with many updates and renovations to our stately and tradition-filled school building. The windows in the oldest part of the building have all been replaced with new window dressings completing this project, and renovations were made to both first floor bathrooms. In addition to the building renovations, August 2017 saw the establishment of a new Pre-K 4 program located at St. Anne School. These thirty students bring us a new level of excitement and the promise of a bright future.

### ***At St. Anne School – Our Future is Bright***

Every year as I write my Annual Appeal Letter, I attempt to answer the question- what makes St. Anne School unique and special? This year, I would like to focus on our students. Our children are facing challenges today that were unheard of in past generations. They must be prepared and ready to defend their faith and beliefs in a world, that even adults find at times, to be confusing and out of control . However, if you are searching for the answer to what makes our students unique and different it can be found in the mission statement of St. Anne School.

### ***Mission Statement***

***St. Anne School is a Catholic faith-filled educational community dedicated to the spiritual growth and academic success of all children. The school provides an environment of faith, hope, love and discipline, preparing students to become responsible, respectful and active leaders and citizens.***

Our students learn from the primary grades up that they are created in the image and likeness of God. They are challenged to enrich their hearts with service to others, to enrich their minds by reaching their academic potential, and to enrich their souls by learning the beliefs and doctrines of our faith and modeling their behavior, at all times, on the example set by Jesus Christ. Every day at the conclusion of morning prayers our students are asked to close their eyes and reopen them looking through the eyes of Jesus. Everything they do and say during their school day should be through the eyes and voice of Jesus. While we believe the future of Catholic Education can be found by looking into the eyes of every child who attends our school, we also believe that the future of Our Nation depends on citizens that are ethically and morally educated. That is what we are doing at St. Anne School and we thank you for your prayers, generosity and support as we continue the mission of evangelizing our youth.

### ***At St. Anne School- Our Future is Bright***

Every student who passes through St. Anne School develops a caring heart by following Jesus’ example of service to others. Caring for others and caring for all God’s creatures is discussed, modeled and acted upon with various service projects. Our students have supplied food for the food bank at St. John Neumann; food and notes of encouragement for the Brown Bag lunch program at St. Anne Parish; hats, gloves and mittens for the homeless students in the School District of Lancaster; Toys for Tots to make a child’s Christmas brighter; pet supplies for the SPCA in Lancaster, and many more. All of the projects share the same two-fold effect of helping a cause and developing a sense of awareness and caring in our students.

### ***St. Anne School-Our Future is Bright***

St. Anne School has been and continues to be an academic leader in the Diocese of Harrisburg. With the financial support of our donors, we have successfully transitioned our students into 21<sup>st</sup> century learners with an ever evolving and rigorous academic program. Our students have been and continue to be challenged to think critically, work collaboratively and communicate effectively. Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program begins to prepare our students from Kindergarten through grade 8 to develop and refine these higher level skills. For grades K-4, the program consists of a “pull-out” enrichment class for those students who demonstrate a need to be academically challenged; while all students in grades 5-8 attend a weekly STEM enrichment class. This class enables students to more thoroughly explore what they are learning in their Science class through hands-on-applications. The students must use critical-and inventive-thinking when working on experiments and demonstrations of key scientific principles. The teacher training and the technological and material resources necessary to begin and maintain this program were funded in part by the contributions we received from our 2016 Annual Appeal Drive. Thank you to all!

In addition to the many learning opportunities provided inside the classrooms, our students are challenged to excel outside the classroom as well. This year our students participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee, competed in the state finals for National History Day and placed in the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair competitions. Our students are equally prepared to take on the challenges of high school. This year three of our students went on to Lancaster Catholic High School on Merit Scholarships and one additional student had one of the top five entrance exam scores. We are constantly amazed and proud of our students when they are recognized for their accomplishments outside of school.

### ***St. Anne School-Our Future is Bright***

My purpose in reaching out to you is to request your help. Your financial gift to our school could provide financial assistance to a family who is struggling, continual capital improvements to our aging but tradition-filled building, updates to our academic and technology programs, the funds for the day to day operational expenses, or any area of your choosing.

In closing, I hope and pray that I've communicated to you the many ways St. Anne School is unique and extraordinary. We hope that you will join in partnership with us as we continue to grow “Catholic Education at St. Anne School”. We welcome and invite you to make an appointment to tour our school and witness Catholic Education at St. Anne School!

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, thank you for your generosity and prayers.

God Bless,

Suzanne Wood, Principal St. Anne School