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Dear Friends,

### ***“Growing Together in Faith and Wisdom”***

This is the theme that is guiding and inspiring St. Anne School for the 2018-2019 school year. These simple words symbolize the union of faith and academics that is evident every day at St. Anne School. It is once again my honor and privilege to write to you as the principal of St. Anne School. The summer of 2018 was busy with updates to our stately and tradition filled school building. A few junior high classrooms were freshly painted, repairs were made to first floor bathrooms as well as second floor bathrooms and safety improvements were made throughout the building. Unfortunately, the relentless rains of summer brought damage to the St. Anne Church roof which along with portions of the school roof are all in the process of being replaced. This summer Father Dan Powell, the pastor of St. John Neumann Parish and the Executive Pastor of St. Anne School, announced that St. John Neumann Parish will be moving forward in a capital campaign, entitled “Moving Forward in Faith”. The goal of this campaign is to move St. Anne School to the St. John Neumann campus and, in addition, renovate the present church structure at St. John Neumann. We are blessed at St. Anne School in so many ways. We are moving forward and ***Growing in Faith and Wisdom*** with St. John Neumann Parish and St. Anne Parish.

### ***Growing Together in Faith and Wisdom***

Every year as I write my Annual Appeal Letter, I attempt to answer the question—what makes St. Anne School unique and special? Again this year, as I did last 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. Our students deserve and at St. Anne School we ensure they are being educated in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment. As educators in a Catholic School, the faculty and staff of St. Anne School have chosen both a career and a vocation—recognizing that these children are the future leaders of our church and country.

Our day begins as a school community with prayer. As prayer begins, the students close their eyes and bring Jesus’ peace into their minds and hearts. As prayer concludes the students are asked to let Jesus protect their minds and hearts and to bring Jesus to everyone they meet by the way they speak and act toward one another. What a beautiful way we begin each and every day at St. Anne School!

Service to others, as Jesus taught, modeled and commanded us to do, is evidenced through the many service projects we hold at the school. 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. In daily religion classes the students are studying the Bible and learning the doctrines of our Faith so they are able to explain what they believe and why they believe it. This is how our students are ***Growing Together in Faith and Wisdom*** at St. Anne School. We thank you for your prayers, generosity and support as we continue the mission of evangelizing our youth.

## ***Growing Together in Faith and Wisdom***

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 21st century learners with an ever evolving and rigorous academic program intertwined with Catholic Values and enhanced by cutting edge technology. Our students have been and continue to be challenged to think critically and morally, work collaboratively and ethically 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 2017 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 2 of the 5 Merit Scholarships presented by Lancaster Catholic High School were awarded to St. Anne Students. In addition we also had 4 CYAA scholarship winners who headed to Lancaster Catholic.

We are constantly amazed and proud of our students when they are recognized for their accomplishments outside of school.

## ***Growing Together in Faith and Wisdom***

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, updates to our academic and technology programs, the funds for the day to day operational expenses, or a donation for 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