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Dear Families,

The beginning of this week found me at St. John the Evangelist School in Canton. Serving as the assistant chairperson on the reaccreditation visiting team, I was able to bear witness to a school who lived the core of its mission statement, "We follow Jesus and strive for Excellence." Our school mission statement, while using different language expresses the same fundamental beliefs. We are committed to the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and we provide our students the foundation on which all other learning is built. I firmly believe that our school community lives our mission. It is evident to me in the classrooms and hallways, and in the activities planned (and enjoyed) by faculty, staff, students, our parent group, and beyond. I am proud to be a member of All Saints Academy!

On Monday, the winter/dress uniform policy went into effect. Parents have called or emailed me and others with questions regarding the uniform policy. The answers to these questions can be found on the website under the Admissions tab. Just as I am proud to be a member of the ASA family, students should take pride in wearing the school uniform. It represents a sense of belonging to our community. Students who wear it demonstrate respect for themselves, their families, and their school.

Next Monday, October 29, there is no school for students. Teachers will be in a professional development seminar to learn about bringing Discovery Education and streaming into the classroom. This program is new to ASA this year as we look for ways to further enhance our strong curriculum.

Beginning next Tuesday, I will be going back into the classroom as Sr. Ellen's interim replacement – middle school math and science teacher. I have reached out to area colleges as well as posted the job online. I have already interviewed a few candidates, but they were not the right fit for us and I will not fill the position with just anyone. I am firm in my belief that there must be consistency and accountability with all learning. I aim to provide that for our middle school students during this transition. However, I will be continuing to search for a strong, qualified candidate who is up to the challenges that a science fair year presents. I will continue to keep you posted in this regard.

Have a blessed long weekend with your children.

Yours in Christ,

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