



The Academy of St. Francis of Assisi

400 Totowa Road, Totowa Borough, NJ 07512

Dear Parents,

August 16, 2010

Peace and blessings to each of you! Please allow me to officially introduce myself, my name is Linda Kostenko and I am honored to be serving as the new principal of the Academy of St. Francis of Assisi. The more time I spend in the Academy, the more impressed I am with the professionalism of the staff and the quality of the programs that are available to the students we serve. I have found everyone to be warm and welcoming during my short time here and I am eager to meet and begin working with each of you and your children.

School begins with a full day and *Before and After Care* on September 7. The school hours are 8:00 to 2:30. *Before Care* begins at 7:00 a.m. **Please note that any day your child does not take the bus home, you need to notify the office in writing. The school Lunch Program** will begin on September 13. Please send lunch and a snack with your child for the first week of school.

Included with this letter are the calendars, parking procedure, and *one form* for you to complete and return to school with your child on the first day of school, that is, the *Talent Database* form. Thank you in advance for completing this form in a timely fashion.

Our theme for the 2010-2011 school-year is TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More. I believe, and I think that you will agree, whether at home or at school, when everyone pitches-in, more is accomplished and everyone feels satisfaction. We are very aware of all of the sacrifices you make to provide the best possible education for your children imbued with Gospel values. We will make every effort to lighten your load and partner with you in providing an excellent Catholic education.

One of goals this year is to move in becoming a "green" school. We have recycling in place and we need to reduce our use of paper. Our goal is that by the end of the year, 90% of the families will receive **all** correspondence electronically. This will include homework assignments posted on our school's website. Of course, we will continue with paper correspondence for anyone who does not have access.

Please mark your calendars for August 31, 7:00, for a *Families' Meet and Greet* and join with me in welcoming our newest staff member, Traci Koval, who will be working in the Middle School and is our new Assistant principal.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and read – read – read – along with your children! I look forward to meeting you and your children at our August 31st *Meet and Greet*.

Peace and Prayers,

Linda Kostenko, Principal

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