



July 23, 2010

Dear Families,

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer, now that we are finally having some warmer weather. I wanted to touch base with all of you and share some important information. First of all, I would like to share some exciting news. We have received our official certificates for accreditation. We received a 6-year term of accreditation from the NAAS (Northwest Association of Accredited Schools) and a 3-year term of accreditation from the WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association).

Also, I want to announce that we have completed the hiring process with the exception of PreK- 3. It is my pleasure to present to you the teaching staff for the 2010-2011 school year:

PreK- 4 - Miss Laura Gates and full time aide Mrs. Linda Reynolds  
Kindergarten - Miss Katie Wilkins and full time aide Mrs. Marianne Pacht  
First Grade - Mrs. Sarah Kohlenberger  
Second Grade - Miss Kelly Bacehowski  
Third Grade - Miss Kara Lefebvre  
Fourth Grade - Miss Ashley Gauthier  
Fifth Grade - Miss Kerri Sullivan  
Sixth/Seventh - Ms. Sandra Hall  
Computer/Technology - Mrs. Lorri Dunn  
Spanish/Music - Miss Emily Dayton.

They are a dedicated group of educators and I have every confidence that they will work collaboratively to create another wonderful year!

The daily schedule will be the same as last year. For grades K-7, the school day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., with the exception of Wednesdays. On Wednesdays the students will be released at 1:45 p.m. This

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weekly early release will allow students to participate in after school enrichment programs and provide valuable time for the faculty to meet and work on curriculum and staff development.

The P.E. Uniform has been transitioning over the last two years from white t-shirts to gray t-shirts. This year we will be fully implementing the policy. P.E. will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The uniform for P.E. is as follows: (note: this is different from the Parent/Student handbook you have just received) every student in Kindergarten through Seventh Grade must wear navy shorts that are no shorter than two inches above the middle of the knee cap with the Pacific Crest Academy insignia, and a gray tee shirt with the Pacific Crest Academy insignia. Each student is to wear white athletic socks that come to at least mid ankle and unadorned athletic shoes, which are to be mostly white. During the winter, navy sweats and a navy crew neck or hooded navy blue sweatshirt with the Pacific Crest Academy insignia are required. All items can be purchased through Dennis Uniform.

With regard to the policy for the regular school uniform worn on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, please refer to your Parent/Student handbook beginning on page 13. Please pay close attention to the policy on hair accessories. The flower headbands may continue to be worn as long as they are one of the colors mentioned and the flower is white, navy blue, or green. However the size of the flower should be no larger than approximately 3 inches in diameter. We ask that you support us in the mission of character formation of your children and instill in them a healthy pride of wearing their uniform and knowing that it is a mark of distinction.

The student supply fee was not included as part of this coming year's registration fees. We have come to realize that this important detail was not communicated clearly. Please accept our sincerest apology for this. The Parent's Club with the help of the office staff are working hard to correct this matter. They will be purchasing the supplies in bulk and putting grade level student packages together. The Parent's Club will be forth coming with further communication regarding the packages as well as the cost. A table will be set up at Back to School Night to pay for your child's supplies. We feel it is the best solution and want to make it as simple and cost effective for you as possible.

As Mother Teresa says, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love". I want to thank the many families who have already been working hard this summer to help make our upcoming year amazing by doing the small things. I wish for all of you to continue having a great summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely In Christ,  
Tamar Parker  
Acting Principal