



February 2012

Dear Parents:

Each year during the last week of January, the entire United States Catholic school system celebrates its many achievements. The theme for this year's celebration is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service" This theme for Catholic Schools Week reflects the mission of Catholic Schools - building a strong foundation for a lifetime of confidence, faith, and service celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value for the nation. Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite, positive contribution to American society. This year, you can join the over 8,000 Catholic Schools across the nation in sharing our message by joining us in our weeklong celebration from January 29 - February 3. A calendar of the week's events is available on our school website www.stjohns-peabody.com. Please come celebrate with us!

On Sunday, January 29 at the 10 am Mass the St. John's community will honor and thank several parents with the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award for their tireless service to our school. Jayne Botticelli, Andre Deschenes, Luciano Dinis, Mary Intonti, Nancy O'Donnell, Tara Silva and Eileen Zoldak, parents of graduating eighth grade students, will sadly complete their time at St John's School. We are extremely grateful to each of them for their years of service and to all parents who volunteer at our school.

Please remember to return your enrollment information as soon as possible. We need to place our present students prior to accepting new children. We have several applications and would like to inform them of their placement as soon as possible. As I'm sure you have noted, St. John's has made every effort to remain affordable. We thank all families for their participation in fundraising, development and volunteer activities. Your commitment to our school has benefited all and allowed us to maintain a lower tuition rate than any other school in the area. Please note the new enrollment incentive program that is in the Wednesday Weeklies and will be going home with your child. I am extremely grateful for your continued support of the mission of Catholic education and St. John the Baptist School.

Mary Ellen Zarro and the Auction Committee are very busy gathering, articles and events for the annual auction on March 24 at 6 pm in our gym. Once again this event will include food samples from a variety of restaurants, as well as, wine tasting. There are several excellent items up for bid. Please plan to join us for a fun-filled evening. Please call the Development Office at extension 340 with any questions.

I thank you all for your continued support of the mission of Catholic education and St. John's School.

With warm regards,
Maureen J. Kelleher

