



Visitation of Our Lady Catholic School

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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that the first month of summer vacation has already come to an end and before long the beginning of the 2009 – 2010 school year will be here. Hopefully, you and your child have enjoyed the break from the hectic routine during the school year. It is important to spend some relaxing, quality time together. Listed below and enclosed with this letter is important information you will need to begin the year smoothly. Please read everything carefully.

Tuition Loans: If you made a loan with First Bank & Trust, your first payment is due July 1. Both the July and August payments must be paid for your child to begin school on the first day. Please refer to the current guidelines listed in the school handbook concerning monthly payments.

School Improvements/Updates:

- ❖ We have been busy with all the last minute details for the new multi-purpose building. Many of the students had an opportunity to use the building for some end of the year activities; however, we are all looking forward to using it on a daily basis beginning in August.
- ❖ All of the lower elementary classrooms (K, 1st, & 2nd) will be relocated since the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms are moving to the second floor of the new building. A diagram with the new locations is posted on the web page.
- ❖ The standardized test scores did not come in before report cards were mailed in June. You can pick up your child's scores in the main office M-Th between 9:00 and 2:00.
- ❖ The school's web site (www.vol.org) is an important tool used to keep parents updated and informed about events happening at VOL. You are encouraged to visit the site for current information for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Posting more information on the web site saves us time and money; however, if you do not have access to a computer, call the school office and we will mail you whatever forms and information you may need.

Co-Op Fundraiser: For the first time in several years, Co-Op will be selling the Entertainments Books. Order forms will be available at the school supply days in August and on the school and Co-Op web sites. Many local Westbank merchants are participating which makes the book a worthwhile investment. Spread the word to your family, friends and co-workers to please think of VOL before purchasing Entertainment Books from others.

First Days of School for 1st – 8th Graders: On August 19th, 20th, and 21st from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m., parents will be allowed to visit classrooms, drop off supplies and meet their child's teacher. All students will be attending Mass on August 19th, and you are invited to join us at the 8:30 Mass. Pre K & Kindergarten parents will meet their child's teacher during the "phase-in" week. We hope this will help ease the transition of the first days of school.

Dismissal: There are a few changes to the carpool process at dismissal. Please refer to the carpool procedures and diagrams if you pick up your child in the afternoon at dismissal. Both parking lots use a car pool process. With Pre K-3 moving to our main campus and our increase in enrollment, we will have 75 more students on site this August. It is very important that **everyone** complies with the guidelines for the process to work properly. All students in Pre K through 1st grade are dismissed from the Barataria (library) lot and 2nd – 8th grade students are dismissed from the Ames (cafeteria) lot. You are asked to remain in your car to help keep the traffic flowing smoothly. I ask you to please support and abide by these guidelines and always remember to be courteous. Everyone's safety is our utmost concern.

Aftercare: Any family using the after care services **must** register yearly. Information is posted on the website. First time users can download a registration form from the web site. If you filled out a form last year and all the information is still accurate, you do not need to submit a new form. The \$20.00 registration fee can be paid at the supply sale on August 4, 5, & 6.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call. The office is open Monday through Thursday during the month of July from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Enjoy the rest of the summer vacation. I look forward to seeing everyone again in August.

God Bless,

Mrs. Carolyn Levet
Principal