

October 3, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

We had a wonderful retreat today at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. We discussed the Catholic positions on all issues involving the preservation and respect of all human life. We focused on the dignity of each human person as a unique individual made in the image and likeness of God.

### **OPI News:**

You should be working on fund-raising ideas as we have only to January to raise the tuition and transportation costs. We will have to raise the goal this year as we have seen an increase in transportation and tuition. I will let you know as soon as I get an estimate from our charter company, but I believe this year's total cost will be \$415 per student. I will have some information and will be speaking to you about OPI at back to school night.

### **Some Dates:**

10/5: Fun Run-eighth grade runs at

10/6: Mass at 8:30

10/7: in-service, no school

10/13: eighth grade Mass-plan to come and celebrate with us

10/14: Individual picture day

10/20: Prep visitation day

### **8th Grade Religion**

We will have quiz on Ch. 2 Wednesday. The chapter involves the infant church after the time of the Apostles. We studied the first council (Jerusalem)

This year in religion, I will be sharing each Sunday's readings with the students on Fridays. This will be a much more powerful lesson if you could please make an effort to take your sons and daughters to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday. I know how busy weekends can get, but as Catholics, the Liturgy is such an important part of who we are as people. We need to give this love of the Eucharist to our children.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade History**

We are finishing our chapter on the Atlantic exploration. The students have worked with a partner to make a map of the routes of several explorers. They included the purpose and outcome of the journeys.

### **8th Grade Algebra**

We have been working hard with analyzing equations and identifying the components. We will also look at more probability and outcome.

Please encourage students to take their time and work on understanding as they practice at home.

Algebra class will require daily attention at home. Our students have been very successful on the Prep placement exams because of the willingness of our students and their families to work so hard at their studies. Algebra will be challenging, but I am committed assist each student in reaching her or his goals.