

September 6, 2011

Hello Eighth Grade Parents!

I hope the first few days have been productive and positive. We have certainly had a good time in the eighth grade getting to know one another and establishing routine. The class seems very eager and has been extremely anxious to work and contribute. We will have a truly blessed year if this pattern continues. I hope you take the time to read these notes weekly.

**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:**

9/8: Rosary at 8:15

9/7: SAC meeting 5:30

9/8: Back to School Night 6:30

9/9: Wear earned Fun Run shirts

TBA: 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat

**8th Grade Religion**

We are working in our new religion texts. This week we will look at why God established the Church.

**8th Grade Algebra**

We are reviewing the sets of numbers we will be working with this year including all real numbers.

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.