

Family and Friends,

St. John Neumann Catholic School opened the doors this August, welcoming 276 returning and 82 new children. Everyone entered with a smile on his/her face anticipating a great year! And so far, everything has gone wonderfully!

Enclosed with this mailing is our Annual Report for 2008-2009. As you peruse the booklet, it is evident that our school develops many outstanding programs with minimal cost per child. Our Operating Budget handles the everyday expenses with little remaining at the end of the year. This past year, our carry over was \$26.92. The tuition truly is based on our anticipated needs for the year.

Looking towards our future and The Vision Plan that has been proposed, an addition of four classrooms is a necessity. With the start of this year, we have used our last "spare" room as our third second grade classroom. The addition of four classrooms will enable us to keep our ratio in the classroom to 18-19/1 in grades PreSchool through fourth grade. The addition also gives us four workrooms (PSA, maintenance, archives, basic storage), of which three can be used as classrooms in the future, should the need arise. Since we developed The Vision, we have been saving all profits from the Annual Fund and the Auction. We are very proud to report that we have \$355,000 in our Capital Improvement Fund.

During the summer, our architectural drawings for the addition were presented to the Diocesan Building Committee and approval was given for us to send the proposal for bids. The bids came in higher than expected, with the lowest being a little under \$837,000.

Please help us, as a part of our SJN Family, to reach Our Vision Plan and continue to offer the best program to our students. By reaching our goal of an additional \$500,000, it will allow us to "break ground" in January. We will have the addition completed and ready to start the new school year. Is this goal too great? For one person, it may be. But as a part of our SJN family with everyone helping, it can be accomplished. Keep in mind, corporate sponsorships would also be greatly appreciated.

Whether your child's religious and academic foundation was formed or is being formed at SJN, or your own religious growth was shared with the school through our parish, there are many ways to help. On the next page, there are several opportunities for you to help us reach our goal. We ask that you pray and contemplate how your family can contribute to our parish school. No contribution is too small or too great! All are greatly appreciated.

Remember, our school is an active part of our parish. It is because of your support and prayers that we are able to do all that we do every day in our classrooms.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Frederick Masad  
Pastor

Barbara Cole  
Principal