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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, welcome back! The start of school is always such an exciting time of the year. This year's school theme is "Following in His Footsteps."

Over the summer we were busy making changes here at school. As many of you know there have been some staff changes in addition to the teacher reassignments that were previously announced. Mrs. Mary Jo Schneider will be teaching 5th grade. Mr. John Reilly will be teaching 6th grade and Mr. Thomas Barton has taken over our Technology Program. With a full time computer teacher, students in grades 1 through 8 will be participating in computer classes. Mrs. Debra Kibby will be working as an instructional aide with our younger children. We welcome them to the St. Hubert School Community.

Other changes included re-numbering the classrooms and the school's exterior doors. Each of these changes has brought us in line with security requirement established by Homeland Security and local authorities. In the event of an emergency we can more accurately provide direction to "first responders" like the fire or police department. We are happy to report that air conditioning has been installed in the Junior High section of the building.

As we begin this new school year, it is important for you to know that our *Knights News* will be published monthly and not bi-weekly. **In addition, the Knights News will be emailed to you using our SchoolReach communication system. This is being done in an effort to hold printing costs down. For that same reason, this year's Parent/Student Handbook, Athletic Handbook and some student forms are being published on our web site.** Parents are invited to download the handbook, along with the other forms, as needed. The following can be found at the school's web site for your convenience:

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| 1. Athletic Handbook | 5. Monthly School Calendar |
| 2. Field Trip Permission Forms | 6. Medical Forms |
| 3. Internet Acceptable Use Procedure Form | 7. Photo/Work Permission Form |
| 4. Medication Procedures | 8. Weekly Parent Reminders |

As we continue to develop our school's web page we will add other forms and information for your convenience.

A summary of changes that we made to the Parent/Student Handbook include:

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| 1. The Parent/Guardian Conduct Guidelines | 2. Tuition Refund Policy |
| 3. Student Discipline Review Board Procedures | 3. Volunteer Requirements |

This year one of our focuses, along with the faculty, is to work on our Curriculum Maps. This will allow us to continuously review, update, and implement any curriculum changes necessary. Curriculum Mapping® allows us to provide horizontal and vertical articulation among our teaching staff. Our effort is to eliminate "overlaps" or duplicating curriculum from one grade level to another. Curriculum and classroom instruction needs to be age appropriate and standards based, without unnecessary overlaps from grade to grade providing a seamless academic program for our students.

We hope you find this information helpful and once again, welcome back! Please know that we are totally committed to Catholic education. If you should have any question, please contact us directly. Thank you for your continued support of St. Hubert Catholic School.

Sincerely in Christ,

Vito C. DeFrisco
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