HOLY FAMILY CLASSICAL ACADEMY

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Dear Friends of Holy Family,

As I write this letter a little over a month into the school year, I am struck by the good we have inherited in this small school. Catholics have always been builders and the Church has long held the education of children among its highest duties. Holy Family Classical Academy proudly stands in that long line. Those of us who are current staff, students, and families are indebted to those who came before us and to those who have sacrificed so that the faith transmitted here might form our school community in goodness, truth, and beauty, and that those students might, in turn, pass the same inheritance onward.

Students gathered at our new statue of the Holy Family generously donated by Jack and Angela Connelly.

Early literacy work in Early Learning

We began last year with fifty-three students. This fall we welcomed seventy. I am grateful to Mrs. Blunk, our director of marketing and advancement, and to the faculty and staff whose steady work made that growth possible. In the youngest classrooms, children trace letters, learn to count with manipulatives, are taught manners, and recite prayers and poems daily. The grammar grades labor at phonics, handwriting, number facts, and poetry learned by heart. Older students read with greater fluency, write with growing care, and take up literature, history, and more demanding mathematics. The Catholic faith is taught in every classroom throughout their lessons. Day by day I see a faculty teaching children to love excellence without losing charity and compassion. It is beautiful work, and it is work you are making possible.

Hands-on letter work

On September 26 the Board hosted our second Wine, Wisdom, and Joy evening, both to draw the wider community into the life of the school and to bless our new statue of the Holy Family, brought from Italy and generously given by Jack and Angela Connelly. To gather with friends of the school and recommend this campus to the care of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was beautiful.

Holy Family student greeters at Sacred Heart

The same formation continues beyond academics. Mrs. Cash and Catherine O'Brien have led our cross-country runners toward yet another form of excellence: students setting goals for personal records, developing the discipline to train, and competing with character. We are also so grateful to Pope John Paul II High School and to volunteers from Sacred Heart Parish, who tutor our students and give them the unhurried help by which confidence and competence is built.

Middle Schoolers working on composition

Cross-country runners developing discipline and character

Holy Family Fall Festival and Open House

Please pray for us, as we pray for you. Benefactors are remembered when we gather for Mass and Divine Liturgy. If you are able to visit this fall, you would be most welcome. Come hear a poem recited, watch a race, or simply see the halls as they are now: occupied, cheerful, and aimed at something higher than themselves.

Lecturing for Friday mass in our chapel

With gratitude, in Christ and the Holy Family,

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