June 22, 2017

Dear Parents,

As we prepare to close our classes for the 2016-2017, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to our school family for all they did to make this a very special year. The hard work of the students combined with the dedicated efforts of faculty and staff are what makes St. Matthias School a “jewel” of the Diocese.

This is the perfect time to announce that we have recently taken a major step forward toward our transition to St. Matthias Catholic Academy. Recently, the NY Board of Regents approved our request to establish an academy and on Monday, June 21st, the St. Matthias Catholic Academy Board was formally approved. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our new Academy and its students. They are truly committed to our continued success and are looking forward to partnering with you as we work to bring even more wonderful opportunities to the new Academy.

Our Board of Directors is as follows:

Ellen McCarthy Coyne - Chairperson

John Pettei - Vice Chair

Richard Bory - Secretary

Gregory Haufe - Finance Committee Chair

Dawn Carrillo - Marketing Comm. Chair & Dev. Comm. Co-chair

John Rodriguez – Development Committee Co-chair

Jaime Beauchamp

Paul Kerzner

Juan Paez

Connie Manolopoulos

As the new school year begins, we will share with you more about our Board members and their connections to St. Matthias School which bridge

many decades. All have either been our graduates or have been parents of our alumni. They come from many backgrounds professionally and enrich us with their time and talents. I am excited to have you meet them in the fall.

Change can be unsettling and I want to assure you that this is a wonderful step forward for our school. An effective Board will allow me to spend more of my time with my students while they concentrate on the business. They have already begun a new marketing plan and are developing a business plan that focuses on our future.

I ask you to join me in thanking them for their willingness to dedicate time, talent, and treasure to our mission. We are well aware that the success of Catholic Education depends on the partnership between the home and school. I am very pleased to have our school family grow in this way.

Since our beginnings in 1909, we have helped guide thousands of students as they grew in knowledge and faith. We are preparing even now for next school year and for a bright future focused on building “**Foundations of Mind & Spirit**”.

I wish you a safe and happy summer! God bless you and God bless the new St. Matthias Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wehnes

Principal