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Welcome Back to what I expect to be a wonderful school year! I am very happy to be back. I thank Monsignor Darcy for inviting me to be a part of your child’s important spiritual, academic and personal growth. On behalf of our teachers and staff, I thank all of you most sincerely for your continued confidence in our school.

In this first newsletter I would like to list several items that are of concern to me as we start our school term. Subsequent letters will be more conversational in tone but these items are important enough to write to you in this manner.

Tropical Storm—I know I am adding to the hype about the weather forecast for this weekend, but I wanted to let you know that **we will follow the EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPT. advisory and if they close school, SAINT MARGARET SCHOOL will be closed too.** I learned a long time ago that they have resources at their disposal that I do not have, so if they call school off, I will too. Our family alert system has not been completed yet so if storm is more serious than predicted, listen to radio announcements. I thank you for your patience.

Parent-Teacher Night—Please set aside Tuesday, September 13th for our annual meeting to introduce our faculty and staff. Parents who are new to our school are invited to meet at 6:00PM and all other parents at 7:00PM. Both meetings will be held in our cafeteria. AT 7:45PM a mandatory meeting will be held for 8th grade parents to discuss proposed 8th grade schedule of events and fees.

Honor Roll—We are taking a look at the Honor Roll criteria for middle school students. I will send home our decision soon.

Tardiness—We are also taking a look at the wording of this section in the handbook.

Uniforms—Please read the Uniform Code section of the Parent-Student Handbook. I am particularly concerned with the lack of uniformity in the color of uniform shoes, the different types of blue slacks/shorts and the number of students who do not use a belt. Our Dress Down Days are scheduled to give students some individuality in their choice of clothes. The uniform code must be followed.

Parking Lot at Dismissal—Please follow the procedures for the parking lot at dismissal. It is extremely important that cars do not move while students are leaving the school and running between cars. Do not enter the parking lot while physical education classes are in session.

St. Raphael Academy—They will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 2 from noon until 3PM. I encourage parents of middle school students to visit high schools during their open house programs. Visiting with a seventh grader is well worth the effort. Many high schools hold open house programs on the same day. I will send out dates of the other schools as soon as I get them.

Operation Stand Down—The St. Margaret’s Community will be collecting new socks and undergarments (underwear, undershirts) in all sizes for women and men in support of Operation Stand Down. Operation Stand Down is a local organization that supports Veterans in need. A collection box will be available in the front foyer of the school and will remain in the building until 9/13/16.

Labor Day Weekend—As a reminder, there is no school tomorrow, Friday, September 2nd for teacher professional day, and Monday, September 5th for Labor Day. School will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th. Best wishes for a great weekend.

