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Dear Parents and Guardians:

What an exciting year we had! Our St .Ann's family has finally moved into our permanent home. Our school dedication ceremony went very well and attended not just by our distinguished guests from the school board, school staff, students, parents/guardians as well as our school alumni and community partners.

Having met and spoken with several of our guests that night just reaffirms how special our school community is. The wonderful reception and conversations pertaining to our partnership with the school just proves how well we all have strived to live up to our school's mission statement "To live, Love, Lead like Christ". We have had a significant increase in the number of volunteers and parents/guardians that are participating in school events; needless to say, we are not just focused on creating awareness and renewed participation in our community. We are also creating an impact on our student's emotional quotients as well as academic successes of late, with the help of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

This school year is definitely off to a great start! We have more volunteers helping us with our Breakfast Club, which ensures our students are provided with nutritious meals for free before the start of classes. Our Eco Team is again in session after achieving "Silver" last year. Various clubs such as chess, technology, cooking and homework help are also in full swing. The game of chess, I personally enjoy and certainly embodies the 7 Habits e.g., from planning and strategizing your moves while it sharpens the saw at the same time. Along with the various clubs that are supported and guided by many of our staff members, we a number of sport teams and events under way. This year, staff and students have volunteered their time to host Catholic Youth Organization activities after school on Wednesdays. Basketball is underway and we also will be hosting volleyball this year!

Last but not least, I would like to welcome the new members of our Catholic School Council and my co-chairperson, Mrs. Stacey Allen Cillis. Stacey has been an active member of our school community with Oliver's Garden Project and has helped us lead our Greening Team in the past and will continue to do so this year. We are looking forward to working with all of you again and serving on this year's Catholic School Council.

Hope to see you all in the upcoming meetings and events!

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