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My dear Parents,

This has been an awesome summer on many levels:

- The weather has been perfect for “all things Hamptons”
- Tremendous progress has been made on our school projects
- There has been a steady interest in placement for students within or school community

Signs of positive growth are all around us!

On a more personal level, the need to be around during the backyard construction has also provided a little ‘selfish’ time late in the afternoon. Believe it or not, I have actually read eight books with a few more off the shelf! (Reading is a luxury not on my agenda during the school year.)

That afternoon time has also provided some genuine time to leave myself open to the possibilities already in the mind of our God. How often we (...especially I...) tend to do all the talking....telling God what the plan should be, how it should be done, and even issuing a timeline. Not so this year! Prayer has led me to the beautiful Psalm 46 which is a clear reminder that taking a few minutes each day to BE STILL.....to stop talking...and to LISTEN can provide a new vision and a more trusting, open energy to serve!

*Be still
and know that I am God.*
Psalm 46:10

This letter is intended to be your official welcome back letter, hence it does have some practical items. Please look everything over and begin to get yourself geared up for a special year!

- If you have been keeping up with OLH via the website, you have noted that there is an all-new format. The main site remains as www.olh.org. That is where “everything you need to know” should be found, including videos, pictures, etc. There is a link there to www.olhamptons.org, the newly formatted site where you will find class pages filled with information about your child’s classes, assignments and projects. Some are still under construction, but should be completed by August 15.
- Your OLH student should be receiving a welcome back letter from the class teacher via email during

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the next week or so. I urge you to contact the teacher at his or her school email that can be found on the website to introduce yourself and offer your help throughout the year.

- Each year, we try to think of new ways to be able to reach our families.....and have, literally, tried almost everything. The result is always the same.....some families read and look for everything....some check occasionally....some never check.....and some appear not to be interested. We do send messages by postal service, by backpack mail, by email, personal phone call, automated call, on the main website, on the class page website.....(BTW... I do not and will not text you!). Communication is essential and we ask that you PLEASE make a resolution to look for something from us at least twice each week. Things at OLH do require attention, action and general support. You and our faculty are partners and must keep communication open!
- Special attention needs to be given now to see that **textbooks** have been picked up from BOCES, that **summer reading** is well underway and that suggested **supplies** are being acquired. **Uniforms**, too, need attention. The school year offers a fresh start for everyone, so, having everything prepared now will give your children a chance to jump right into school!
- Among the many things that make OLH different from other schools is the general appearance of these wonderful young ambassadors for Catholic education. Having a school uniform makes this easier on many levels. The guidelines for uniforms and general grooming are outlined in the Student-Parent handbook (posted on the website). Remember that the UNIFORM is just that....uniform!
 - Every prep student absolutely must have the Prep uniform, including all three pieces of the gym attire. The polo shirts with logos need to be fresh and new....and adjusted to the growth of the summer!
 - While there is no official school show, footwear is either a **black or dark brown shoe** (loafer or tie shoe. Sneakers are to be worn only on gym days.
 - Good grooming includes hairstyles. As much as individuality may be important, boys are required to have traditional male hairstyles (not long, shoulder length or below the ear) and we do reserve the right to require” a haircut if indicated.
- **Attendance** during the school year comprises one hundred-eighty days. The calendar for the school year has been posted since June, with vacation days and holidays clearly listed. While we do understand the family’s possible need for additional time away, we respectfully remind you that your child’s academic success requires steady attendance as well as completion of curriculum. Punctuality is also required. The school day for K-8 begins at 8:20AM....Pre-K at 8:30.
- We will be more specific about school issues at the upcoming parent meetings, The first one....and most important one this year will be on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10...**one hour that will set the course for the year.....

For many of you, this is simply the annual welcome and you MAY believe you have heard everything before....and don’t need to read further. For many of our newer families, this may be overwhelming. Let’s come to that happy medium....and join together on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 to be face to face, to HEAR firsthand where we seem to be headed and how we can continue to grow as a faith family!

Never a day will go by that you are not thought about and prayed for! Know that we depend on your prayers as well!
Peace always,

“WHAT WE DID ON OUR SUMMER VACATION”

As is our custom, summer is used to update, upgrade and add to the environment that we host for our children. This year, summer changes include:

- completion of the faculty parking area.....elimination of the dangerous N Main Street exit.....creation of the new playground for K-8.....upgraded landscapingaddition of outdoor water fountain.....addition of one more Chromebook cart.....installation of the projector in auditorium...completion of the audio/visual booth.....upgrades to interior painting and general repairs....
- With all changes, additions, there will need to be some new guidelines for acceptable use, specifically for entrances, exits, pick up and drop off, use of the playground equipment, etc. We do ask that everyone please be patient and know that everything will be well-thought out and planned. The way that we “orient” teachers, students and parents will be essential to insuring the efficiency, safety and well-being of all.
- We do ask you to remember that the entire Playground/Campus project was made possible through a major gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dolan, long-time benefactors of OLH. We are so happy that we did not need to do fundraising projects or ask for family contributions! Let’s keep that in mind, be grateful.....and keep them in our grateful prayers!!!

1	2 Labor Day	3 Professional Day	4 Grades 1-8 first day Dismissal 12:30	5 10am PK3 and K Orientation day Dismissal 12:30	6 10:30 Liturgy PreK 4 orientation Dismissal 12:30	7
8	9 First full day for all	10 7- ALL PARENTS Band demo	11 String demo	12 1PM Dedication of playground	13	14
15	16 7-Prep Parents	17 7-Primary parents	18 10- Flynn/O'Hara 3-Drama	19	20	21 TND
22	23 JOYFUL NOISE begins 7-Intermediate Parents	24 National Theatre Science program	25 3-Drama	26 Prin Mtg	27 Cheering begins Young Authors Assembly Prep M/D Night	28
29	30 Gr4/7 COGATS					

Much of the daily operation at OLH...beyond classroom teaching and activity....is done by willing and generous parents. Please consider whether or not You might be able to be involved this year:

Hot lunch team (Tuesdays)

Pizza team (Thursdays)

Library aide (1 half day each week)

Athletics team concession helpers

Athletics coach

Stage Parent (costumes, make-up)

COMMITTEE-TEAMS NEEDED FOR:

Bucks for Books campaign

Parents' Cocktail Party

Ladies Luncheon

Father-Son Night

Family Communion Breakfast

Christmas Sale



YES.....we have a major benefactor who has made possible the purchase of property, the planning and site work, the electric, irrigation, fencing and the [purchase](#) and installation of equipment....**BUT**....the beautification of the property has become a major [landscaping project](#).

We have already had two people who have given donations as memorial gifts for friends. We have decided to put this toward the planting of small trees in the islands in the parking area. (Much of the vegetation already on site was relocated from other sources on our property, but more was needed.)

If you would like to have your loved one's name listed on the garden plaque, please let us know. The donations are unspecified in amount but would be welcomed!

We were able to save the beautiful weeping cherry tree that was planted in honor of Gabriella Gambino '10....The statue from Gaby's Garden will be placed right there once the site work is completed!

BUCKS FOR BOOKS is the one really aggressive, major fund raiser of our school year..one that raises close to \$100,000 to supplement tuition. We are, once again, asking each family to do all they can to sell a minimum of FIVE tickets. You will receive yours in early September....with a due date of February 1!
YOU could win BIG!!!! Ten prizes are to be drawn!!!!



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE of EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
During school	11:45 AM HAMPTONES GIRLS Gr4-8	BAND Gr 3-8 (PAUL EFFMAN) DEMO 9/10/19	VIOLIN/CELLO Gr K-8 11:45 AM HAMP- TONES GIRLS 4-8		VIOLIN/CELLO Gr K-8
After school	TAP 3-4 PM JOYFUL NOISE Gr K-3 3-4PM BELL CHOIR Gr 3-8 3-4:30PM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TEST PREP 8 3-4 PM PRE-LAW CLUB -6-7-8	3-4PM BALLE K-3 4-5PM BALLE 4-8 3-5PM CROSS COUNTRY GR 6-8 3-4PM HAMPTONIX BOYS GR 3-8 3-4PM GUITAR	3-4PM JAZZ 3-4PM DRAMA Gr 1-8 3-4PM GUITAR	3-4PM BALLE K-3 4-5PM BALLE 4-8 3-4PM MATH CLUB K-2 3-5PM CROSS COUNTRY 6-8 3-5PM HOW PRE- PARED ARE YOU? 6-8 3-4PM GUITAR	TAP 3-4PM ROBOTICS CLUB Gr 3-6 3-5pm CHEERLEADING Gr 1-8

CLASS PLACEMENT DETERMINED BY TEACHER.....IN TAP, BALLE AND GUITAR