



## Grow St. Dominic Catholic School

September 7, 2010

Dear Families of St. Dominic School Students,

Thank you for enrolling your child(ren) at St. Dominic Catholic School. Along with the faculty and staff, it is our honor to be a part of your child(ren)'s spiritual, academic, moral and physical development. The availability of this school as a choice is a true blessing. It is a uniquely nurturing environment designed to build foundational capabilities of positive self-esteem, respect, leadership, communication, individuality and community. Our school is a treasure and we are working to transition to a status where the school will thrive and sustain itself as an integral part of the St. Dominic Parish community. The first step is to grow.

The 2010-2011 school-year is off to a great start! Current K-5 enrollment is 54, up nearly 10% from the end of last year. Historical enrollment has been slightly higher than 80 and our goal is to return to this level within 5 years – sooner if possible. Preschool enrollment is strong with 50 enrolled and a waiting list for the PreK and 3 year-old class.

There is a partnership with our Pastor, St. Dominic parishioners, St. Dominic School Board, staff and faculty at the school, and Home and School Association (HASA) to Grow St. Dominic School. We communicate periodically with the St. Dominic Parish Council and with the Diocese of Knoxville to update them on our activities and progress. They are encouraged and supportive. You can expect to hear from us on a regular basis – but don't hesitate to contact Debbie DePollo or any school board member (423-245-8491). School board meetings are open to all and are currently held on Wednesdays at 7pm in the church administration building. Minutes are posted on the school website ([www.saintdominiccatholicsschool.com](http://www.saintdominiccatholicsschool.com)).

We have been busy this summer and a key development is the summary on the back of this sheet which outlines the main objectives of the effort. Returning families will notice the colorful hallway, updated computer monitors, and the renewed spirit. The summer care program was a huge success! We have stepped up our marketing and recruitment efforts, but can always use your help: tell people why you send your child(ren) to St. Dominic School!

There is a lot of positive momentum driving the effort forward and we hope that you "Catch the Spirit" too! There are lots of ways to get involved – literally something for everyone and every schedule. Please sign up to be a Volunteer Angel and join HASA to get connected. HASA has a terrific evening planned for Catch the Spirit Night on September 9 beginning at 6:00. We hope to see you there!

God bless you and your family,  
St. Dominic School Board