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Dear St. John's Families,

If you haven't heard, St. John's, again, is an award winning school. Many faculty members participated in the Golden Apple Awards Dinner downtown last night to help honor 10 teachers within our Archdiocese for excellence in teaching. Our very own, Ann Gillespie received one of the awards. Here is a link to the Catholic Standard which had an article about the teachers. Another article is planned for the Washington Post too. Congratulations Ms. Gillespie!

<http://www.cathstan.org/print.asp?ArticleID=3789&SectionID=2&SubSectionID=21>

As the year is winding down, many parents have been inquiring about the dates for next school year so as to start planning. With today's emails, the teachers are sending an outline of the tentative calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Please remember that the dates are tentative and subject to change pending any unforeseen changes. Hopefully, no major blizzards will happen in 2011! And please note St. John's will be celebrating 50 next year! Our celebration will be held at the end of the year over the weekend of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It is gearing up to be a wonderful, fun-filled, family weekend culminating in a special Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Wuerl. Be on the lookout for more information and special planning meetings where we will need a lot of volunteers!

I also want to give everyone an update on Fr. Pollard. At a meeting earlier this week led by Fr. Tovar, we were informed that Fr. Pollard will be taking a leave of absence until late August. Fr. Pollard needs some time to address all of his health issues. Fr. Tovar will be handling the day to day operation of the parish and hopefully he will get some help from the archdiocese with Sunday masses, confessions, etc. Fr. Tovar will keep us informed about Fr. Pollard's progress. It is serendipitous that during this month of May our afternoon prayers have been for our priests, especially Fr. Pollard and Fr. Tovar. We have been praying to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, to give them strength in body and soul to do their job well. And we now ask that your prayers at home echo those at school. With all our prayers, I am sure that Fr. Pollard will return to us quickly.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Susan G. Scott  
Principal