Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK! I hope that each of you had an enjoyable summer vacation experience, well worth remembering. As for us, this year has gotten off to a fantastic start. The first reason is because of the teachers. Nearly all of our teachers are returning from last year, except for four: I would like to introduce our new Kindergarten teacher - Ms. Cathie Turek; and our new HS Science teacher - Ms. Robin Livermore, and our new Secondary English department: Mrs. Elise Barrett (MS English) and Mr. Eric Thomas (HS English). In addition, we now have two P-K classrooms, so I would also like to give a big welcome to Ms. Cristina Guerrero. Last, but not least, I would like to welcome Mrs. Catherine Cañarte, our new Resource Room teacher who will be available to provide extra services to our students who are in need. Excitement is high among them and all or the others and each has already proven that they are here to teach! The other reason is the students -- they have demonstrated that they have recharged their batteries and are eager to learn as we have just finished a great first week of school. If this week means anything, I am sure that this is going to be a wonderful year!

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The health, safety, and happiness of your child is very important to us. Help us keep a healthy school. Keep your child at home at least for 24 hours if: presents a fever (100 degrees or above), vomiting or diarrhea, excessive runny nose, sore throat or cough, presents a rash.

Please, update with the Infirmary on your child’s allergies and medications to be taken at the school.

Take a moment to check your child vaccination certificate.

Boosters depending on the age of your child:

From 4 to 6 years old........DTP(diphteria, tetanus, pertussis), Polio, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), Hib (Hemophilus Influenza).

From 11 to 16 years old......MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), DT( diphteria, tetanus)

Other important vaccines:  Hepatitis A and B, Varicella, Pneumococo, Flu shot, the Human Papiloma Virus (HPV) for women 9 to 23 years old to prevent from cervix uterine cancer.

If you have any questions on your child’s vaccines contact Dr. Piedad at the Infirmary.

When children start to go to school they need our help to go through this stage. In this stage, anger, irritability, and crying are expected responses. Maybe children will show these responses just at the beginning of the day, while in other cases, children might show sadness and will ask for their parents to come and get them throughout the day. This attitude isn’t because they are spoiled or they have a difficult temperament. They act this way because it is how they express their feelings.

How do they feel?

- Children feel scared of the unknown. Take into consideration they will be attending a new place, different from what they know. The class, the teachers, the school are not referrals of stability for them yet. The bond will be built with time.

- Children feel afraid of abandonment. The young child only knows what happens at the present time (children aren’t able to understand what will happen in the future), they can think their parents will forget about them and that they will not go back for them. With time, children will understand their parents will pick them up from school in a specific time of the day and they will begin to feel secure.