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Dear Star of the Sea Families,

Summer is flying by! I hope everyone is enjoying these special days with time for family and vacation fun. I have enjoyed the more leisurely pace and have been able to spend special time with my family. I have even committed to getting in a little more exercise! Now the excitement of getting ready for the new school year is beginning! We are busy cleaning, organizing and getting everything ready for back to school!

This year the National Catholic Education Association has chosen the theme of *Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life – Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, Morals*. For me this certainly reinforces the reason Star of the Sea Catholic School is here and has been successful over the last 50 years! We are very grateful for your continued commitment to this school and we value the trust you have placed in us to educate your children.

Our mission continues to be one of spiritual growth, academic excellence, and a commitment to service for our students. We are busy planning and looking at ways we can continue with the excellent programs we have had while moving ahead with other new and innovative programs. Strengthening our Catholic identity as a school, integrating technology, and meeting the many academic needs of our students have been the focus of our planning for this coming year. With your continued support the faculty and staff look forward to this being a special school year!

I keep all of the families here at Star of the Sea in my prayers during these summer months. I thank God for the gift of being able to serve here and the blessings it provides. I strive to serve and I meet each challenge with confidence knowing that I have the support and help of an excellent faculty and staff, committed families, and amazing students.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. May all of us continue to know and experience the holy presence of God in our lives.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathryn M. Whisman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the principal.

Cathryn Whisman, Ed.D.  
Principal