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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students at St. Angela's. This year 93% of our eighth graders who applied to Catholic High School were accepted to a Catholic High School of their choice and 20% received academic scholarships. The total of the academic scholarships awarded was \$106,160. Academic scholarships are awarded to recognize students' potential and hard work and to give them an incentive to attend Catholic High School. One of our eighth graders, Jennifer Calix, was accepted to The Brooklyn Latin High School which is a recognized specialized High School. In order to be accepted at The Brooklyn Latin High School Jennifer took an entrance exam and qualified for this prestigious high school. We are very proud of how well our students performed in the TACH exam.

We are starting the re-registration process for the academic year 2010-2011. For the past four years The Simon Foundation had paid for the cost of the Extended Day Program. At the end of this year the funding for this program will be over. Because of this we sent you a questionnaire in early January that questionnaire requested your input on the Extended Day Program for next year. We received a 28% response rate from the parents. Of those parents who responded to the questionnaire 57% said that we should not keep the program next year because of the additional expense; 31% indicated that we should keep it and 6% indicated that it was not an important factor to them.

After careful review of the data and many discussions with parents, faculty and staff we have concluded that the Extended Day Program will not be continued for next year. However, we are working to create optional programs that will be geared to helping students who need the extra attention and to helping students who have a need to be challenged academically. We will continue with our Honors Program in grades 5 through 8 and Reading and Math classes will continue to be an hour and a half. The academic schedule will not be disrupted in any way and our students will not be as tired at the end of day.

Lastly, we want you to know that because of the current economic environment we have determined that it is best for the parents that tuition and fees not increase for next year. Also, there will **no longer** be a separate tuition for our Kindergarten program. Kindergarten students will be included in the family rate. Know that we appreciate the sacrifices you make to send your child/children to our school.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call me at my office or to speak to Sr. Lourdes Mercado-Almodóvar, our principal.

May our Lord bless you abundantly.

Fr. Nestorio Agirembabazi, A.J.
Pastor

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