



# Parent Newsletter

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**Education is painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning...by praise...but above all--by example.**

**John Ruskin**

Dear Parents,

The New Year has begun and already some of us find ourselves behind. How did that happen? How are you doing with your new year resolutions?

We have almost completed our Feasibility Study for a **Dual Language Immersion (DLI)** model program for next year. Many of you know how excited I am about the idea of preparing our children to take their places in a global society academically prepared and culturally sensitive through a research-based **Catholic biliteracy model**. There is no other Catholic school in the area that offers this type of educational model. **I hope to see you tonight** when we will host another **DLI Information Meeting at 6:00**. Dr. Abelein will return to explain the program and to elicit your opinions via a simple survey. One consideration is to offer a **Spanish core course for the first grade and up**. This should affect most of you, and we need your input! The Leadership Team will be there, as well, to answer any of your questions. There will also be a **Letter of Intent** for those of you who will have **TK or Kinder students NEXT YEAR** to complete. This will give us some idea of potential enrollment numbers. I am sure you can understand that this is very important for the archdiocese to know, in order to make their decision as to whether or not we get the program. As you know, this is a critical decision with regard to our school's long term viability. **Please plan to join us, tonight.**

You should probably also know that **Progress Reports** will go home on Friday. This is a good time to remind your children of your expectations and to reward them for a job well done. **Catholic Schools Week** is right around the corner. We will celebrate a **Family Mass together on the 28th** with an **Open House** at school from **12:30-2:00**.gain, we really look forward to seeing you there. Please support your children, the teachers, and your parish school.

As always, you know where to find me. Until next time, be happy, be prayerful, and be well!  
God bless you!

*Diane Gehner*, Principal