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Dear Class of 2010 Students & Parents:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a wonderful summer vacation. It's time to start thinking about the high school application process, Catholic entrance exam and attending Open Houses at high schools.

Enclosed you will find a registration form for the test prep class that we hold each year. Mrs. Parker teaches the math section and Mrs. Clifford teaches the language arts section. The class is not mandatory but we strongly encourage you to participate in the class if you plan on taking the Catholic Entrance Exam on either Nov. 14 or Dec. 12. Please send your registration form and payment back as soon as possible. The first session begins on Sept. 10th. To register for the Entrance Exam, you'll need to be in touch with a local, Catholic High School. There is a separate test called the SSAT for independent schools such as Brooks and Phillips. You can go online to find more information about this.

St. Michael School will host a High School Information Fair on September 29th from 6:30-8p.m. in our gym. We've invited all of the local Catholic and private high schools to attend. We know that Central Catholic, St. John's Prep, NDA, PMA, Lowell Catholic, Malden Catholic, Pingree School, Phillips Academy, Brooks School and Governor's Academy will all attend at the current time. We are still waiting to hear back from the other schools. The fair will be open to SMS 7th and 8th grade students as well as students from St. Michael Parish. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet with the representatives from each school and to pick up application packets.

Have you been performing community service? If not, try to get involved in your own community or at the parish. The high schools select well-rounded students and are eagerly looking for students who want to better their community.

Start thinking about getting recommendations from coaches, instructors, teachers, etc. Once you receive your application packet, each school will tell you what they expect. Getting a head start won't hurt!

Enclosed you'll find tips for applying to high school and an outline of activities/events planned for the year, including Graduation Dinner and Graduation dates.

Take some time to review the enclosed material. Return your registration form and payment if you'd like to participate in our test prep class. Most importantly rest while you can and get excited for your last year at St. Michael School. We promise you'll love it!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gosselin
Principal