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Dear St. Matthew Family:

Welcome back to another school year from the Parents' Club officers. We hope that this will be a great year for you and your family.

As a parent of a St. Matthew student, you are automatically a member of the St. Matthew Parents' Club. The mission of Parents' Club is to enhance the school environment by supporting the educational, spiritual, and social experiences of students, staff, and families of St. Matthew; encouraging communication, volunteerism, fundraising, and fellowship. Speaking of communications, Parents' Club uses a listserv to send important messages and reminders from the school to St. Matthew families, so please take a minute to read any email you receive from Parents' Club.

Whether you are a new St. Matthew family or have been around a couple of years, you might not know exactly what it is that Parents' Club does. Here are just a *few* of the things we do. We give start-up funds to teachers to lessen their out-of-pocket costs for classroom supplies. We coordinate the hot lunches on Thursdays. We provide financial support for the Science Olympiad, Scholastic Bowl, Chess Club, and Drama Club. We host the receptions for special occasions such as First Communion and Confirmation. Thanks to our fundraising efforts over the years, we have been able to purchase air-conditioners for all of the classrooms, computers for the computer labs, and more recently, Promethean Boards for several of the classrooms. If you haven't had a chance to see the Promethean Boards in action, we encourage you to attend a demonstration and check them out.

For the 2011-2012 school year, Parents' Club will use fundraising dollars to support technology upgrades at the school. One of the easiest ways you can help is by purchasing gift cards through the Scrip program. We will continue to offer Family Fun Nights and volunteer activities for the whole family. Once a month, Parents' Club will invite all families to come together for a weekday morning mass. It's a great way for the whole family to start the day.

Parents' Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year in the MP Room of the school, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 p.m. Join us and find out how you can get involved. We look forward to working with you!

Have a great school year!

Peace,

Cindy and Ted Brya, President
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