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Mary M. McKiernan, Principal

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your volunteer hours during the Community Fest. Your presence and hard work made the event very successful. Special thank you to Mr. Scott Scherr and the children's games committee. The children were happy and this section of the festival was very busy all weekend. The school booth display was outstanding. Many new families came to visit and share information with us for future enrollment in our school. We also had many alumni sign up and our database is growing. Thank you to Mrs. Gina Rickard and the families who hosted this booth all weekend.

There were many expressions of excitement and joy as students approached the prize table at the Sally Foster pep rally last week. Thank you Mrs. Dione Larkin for a job well done. Thank you to all of the families who were able to participate in this school fundraiser.

The proceeds from Sally Foster were less than we had projected (\$20,000.00). However, in today's economy we were very successful. The net income was \$15,314.09. The new desks for middle school were purchased with the proceeds to the amount of \$12,590.02. \$1,531.00 (10%) was deposited into the school endowment fund. The remaining \$1,193.07 went towards offsetting the overage (\$7,700.00) on the renovations of the cafeteria bathrooms. You may recall that the initial gift of \$50,000 was given to the school by a school family for the purpose of bathroom renovations. Thank you to all who helped to beautify the cafeteria bathrooms.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish financed the renovations in the 200 building classrooms. The cost was in the amount of \$87,000.00. The cost of the pipe replacement in the 300 building was also financed by the parish at the approximate amount of \$20,000.00. Both of these items will be part of the dollar amount reflected in the indirect grant given to the school when the parish annual report is shared.

Students in grades K – 5 have enjoyed playing several new additions of Orff instruments. The school purchased a Bass Xylophone, Alto Xylophone and Soprano Xylophone which are Sonor Global Beat brand. This purchase has been a special blessing for the Mustang Music Ensemble, the school's Orff ensemble for grades 3 – 5. They play music in 4 – 6 harmony and the ensemble has a much more balanced sound with our new instruments.

Let us continue to pray for our school and parish community, as well as our country as we come closer to our presidential elections.

Happy Halloween!

God Bless,
Mary McKiernan, Principal

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