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Brothers & Sisters in Catholic Education,

By the time you are reading this you should also be reading the progress reports for you student. I realize I'm 'preaching to the choir' when I remind you to review them carefully and to initiate what ever steps that are called for. However, I wouldn't be much of an educational administrator if I failed to remind you.

As the weather continues to be chilly and damp please take some extra time to make sure your student is properly dressed when he/she leaves for school in the morning. I very much want the children to go outside during their two recess periods. I believe it is an important element of their education. However, I will not unnecessarily endanger their health. If, in my opinion the weather does not warrant outside play I will keep them in. But if the weather is tolerable I want them to be able to go out, stretch their muscles and lungs a little. But, only if they are properly attired for the conditions.

Unfortunately, I had to "pull the plug" on both our boys and girls basketball programs today. We had great interest, 29% of the school signed up. However, the sign ups covered 3 grade levels and there wasn't enough in any one class to allow us to field any teams. I tried to get us into a Co-Op situation but some parents weren't interested inbeing involved.

What I'd like to do now, if there is interest and support, is get an intramural, 3 on 3, *fundamentals*, teaching 'league' going. My problem is that I need a parent or two to actually commit to running it. I will be involved but not enough to run it without help (46 years of coaching at the College, HS, MS levels has given a little insight to the sport). My commitments to the School & Child Center interfere with me taking this on alone. If anyone is interested in committing to this to keep our students interested in basketball please call the school and we can talk about it. Next up will be things like Spelling Bees and Forensic. We may try Track in the spring to see if we have any interest.

As you are out there scouring the countryside to find us new people to offer our excellent, Catholic education opportunity don't forget the little ones. We have what is proving to be a wonderful, but small, PreSchool Program and we will soon be looking for next years' Kindergarten Class.

May Mary, our Patron, and the name sake of our school, Our Lord's mother watch over each of you. Please continue to pray for our children and our school.

Sincerely,
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Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School & Child Care Center.