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Dear Parents / Guardians / Grandparents,

**End of September / October Greetings to each of you!
FALL BLESSINGS!**

Many women in the Old Testament foreshadowed the mission of Mary. Against all human expectation God chose those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth His faithfulness to His promises: Hannah; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther as well as many others prepared the way for the new Eve, Mary.

Mary, the mother of our Savior was enriched by God with gifts appropriate for her role. Mary's fiat "Let it be done to me according to your word..." set the tone for the rest of her life.

October is a month in which we honor Mary. October is known as the month of the Holy Rosary. When we pray the rosary, we think about the different mysteries in the life of Jesus:

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of Jesus
The Presentation
Finding the Child Jesus in the Temple

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging At The Pillar
Crowning With Thorns
Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

Baptism of Jesus
Wedding at Cana
Proclaiming the Kingdom
Transfiguration
Institution of the Eucharist

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection
The Ascension
Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption
The Coronation

When I was growing up, we prayed the rosary every night. It was part of our family prayer together. I know that this prayer has changed in the lives of our families. I might make a suggestion to each of you: What if you prayed one decade each night as a family? What if each of you took a little time each night to pray together as a family?

FOOTBALL PLAYERS will be joining the children at Bishop Hayes for lunch today, September 20th. This is a good preparation for Homecoming at the Muscatine High School. WELCOME!

MIDTERMS will be mailed to each of you on Monday, October 15th. (Friday, October 5th is the end of the 1st six weeks of school.) These midterms will be sent out telling all of our parents how your child/ren are doing in school. Please take the time to read the midterms and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

ECO-MEET is Friday, October 5th. Matt Wieskamp, Katie Spellman, Brendan McCormick and Joey Gephart will be representing Bishop Hayes. A special THANK YOU to Mrs. Philipps and Mr. Schliesman for all of the work that they have done to prepare our students. GOOD LUCK!

BOOK ORDERS: When ordering books, please remember to make checks out to **Bishop Hayes Catholic School** and not the name of book order. Also, if ordering from several book clubs, only one check is needed. We appreciate all your support! Remember, a book keeps on giving. THANK YOU!

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER:

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 24th as that is a teacher in service. The NO SCHOOL does include Guardian Angel Preschool.

GUARDIAN PRESCHOOL: There will be NO PRESCHOOL or YEAR TO GROW on Tuesday, October 2nd so that Mrs. Tomfeld and Miss Clements can attend a training class. We will add this day to the end of the school year. Thank you!

OCTOBER CALENDAR:

October 1 Monday Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm (students in Grades K-5)
October 2 Class Mass (K/1) @ 9:00am
October 5 ECO-Meet
October 8 Monday Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm (students in Grades K-5)
October 8 PICTURE DAY for Bishop Hayes Catholic School—Preschool to Grade 5
October 9 PICTURE DAY for Guardian Angel 3 year preschool
October 9 Class Mass for students in Grades 4-5 @ 9:00am
October 15 Monday Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm (students in Grades K-5)
October 15 Midterms are sent home today
October 15 First scheduled date for band at the High School
October 16 All School Mass @ 9:00am in the gym
October 17 Visiting Illustrator: Dori Butier (Grades 4-5)
October 18 All City Choir is the evening (Grade 5 students)
October 22 Monday Early Dismissal @ 2:30pm (students in Grades K-5)
October 23 Class Mass 2/3 @ 9:00am
October 29 NO SCHOOL—teacher in-service—Preschool to Grade 5
October 30 Class Mass K/1 @ 9:00am
October 30 Report Cards will be sent home today
October 31 Halloween parties this afternoon

PLEASE NOTE: There will be an All School Mass on Thursday, November 1st at 12:05 in the Bishop Hayes School Gym. November 1st is a holyday of obligation and celebrates the Feast of All Saints.

BISHOP HAYES CATHOLIC SCHOOL BUILDING:

- The front doors of the school are locked each day at 3:45pm. If you have children involved in Scouts, After School Program, etc. and are picking your children up after 3:45pm, you NEED to come to the doors on the upstairs landing. Please advise anyone from your family who is picking up children from Bishop Hayes after 3:45pm.
- ANYONE who is using the building after 3:45pm and is responsible for children (Scouts, using the gym, etc.) MUST have two adults present. PLEASE never be alone in this building with a child. This is for your safety and your protection and for the protection of our children.
- Scout leaders, those using the gym in the evening, etc. are not aloud to bring children home.

- The doors downstairs open at 7:40am.

PARKING AND BUSES: Bishop Hayes has many buses that come through our parking lot between 3:20 and 3:30pm. Cars cannot be in between the buses. If you park your car, you must wait until the buses have left the parking lot. We do not want anyone to be involved in an accident in the parking lot. Thank you!

HOMEWORK HELP: Bishop Hayes is participating in the Homework Help program. The Muscatine Community Schools have received a grant and we have been included in that grant. Home Help is open to students in Grades 3-5. Please contact Sister Cheryl if you did not receive the information from your child/ren. HOMEWORK HELP will begin on Tuesday, September 25th in the 4th grade classroom. Mr. Beinke will be our Homework Help coordinator at Bishop Hayes.

"Do not be afraid!" When angels appear to people in the Bible, they usually begin every message by saying, "Fear not!" Then they tell their listeners to rejoice. God sends his angels to let us know that he doesn't want us to live in fear. God wants us to be happy, with our whole hearts. That is why the Gospel is called "the Good News." In the Gospel, we find true peace, happiness that never ends, and the safety of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Happy Feast to Guardian Angel Preschool on Tuesday, October 2nd—Feast of the Guardian Angels!

Every person is the architect of their own character.
Have a great October!!

Sincerely,

Sister Cheryl

Sister Cheryl, Principal