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Dear Parents,

The first month of school has already passed and we are into the beautiful season of autumn. Just a few updates to keep you informed of happenings at SSKCA.

Our students in grades 4 – 8 were treated to a wonderful performance by a Children's Choir visiting from Poland. Members ranged in age from 8 – 18 and they sang a few Polish traditional songs as well as some in English and French, like the theme song from the movie *Mama Mia*. We were very impressed by their presentation.

Please find attached a graph that shows the comparison between how our students scored on the state tests last spring and the results of other students in our city and state. Once again, through the hard work and dedication of our teachers and the desire of our students to do well, SSKCA has achieved one of the highest scores, not just in our diocese but across the city and state.

Also part of the attachment is a letter of introduction from our school counselor, a notice from the NYS Department of Health regarding the flu, and a list of products typically purchased by families that participate in the Box Tops for Education program. If you purchase any of those products, kindly clip the Box Top symbol and save it in an envelope. Once you accumulate 25, send them in to your child's teacher and your child will receive a coupon for a Dress Down. One coupon may be used per week on a day not already scheduled as a school-wide dress down and not on a day when we attend Mass.

In the area of fundraising, our first Cupcake Sale of the year was hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and they raised \$223.75. This month's sale will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and our hosts will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Although our SSKCA families have traditionally been very generous when we were involved in donations to charities, we were disappointed that our effort to join our diocese in raising funds for hurricane relief yielded just \$315.00 from 35 families. We strive to teach our students the importance of following Christ's example of caring for others and giving back as a sign of gratitude for all we have been blessed with, especially when others have been faced with tragic events.

The last day for Yankee Candle Sale orders is Tuesday next week. They make great Christmas gifts without the hassle of looking for parking and standing on line.

Students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking the Terra Nova tests next week. They are tests used for diagnostic purposes to inform teacher instruction. Please be sure that your child gets to bed early on those days, has a good breakfast and comes to school with plenty of sharpened pencils.

The Andrzejki Dinner/Dance organizers are requesting donations of items that can be used as raffle prizes at the dance. Such items could range from gift certificates to gift baskets or other items that would be appreciated by adults. Any assistance with this request that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Also, if you have a relative, friend or neighbor who has a background in education and would be interested in working at SSKCA as a substitute whenever we find ourselves in need, please have that person email me their resume.

I believe we are all looking forward to the first long weekend of this school year. Whether you plan on going apple or pumpkin picking or just relaxing with your family, have a fantastic weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. C