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Dear OLA Families,

Yesterday was the mid trimester, which means we are already half way through the year. Another year is flying by! Next week is all the fun of Catholic Schools Week and Book fair. I hope you will all join us especially for 'Special Person Lunch' next Thursday. It looks like the weather will cooperate for our Hawaiian-themed celebrations. Next week and next Sunday is also our annual open house, for current and prospective families to visit and witness what is going on in classrooms. In 2011-12 we have been very successful in welcoming new students to school and rebuilding our enrollment. This is a trend I am confident we will sustain, and I ask once more that you encourage friends and neighbors to consider OLA for their children. Some current families will enjoy free registration for one child this year because they have brought in a new family to OLA. This will also be offered for the 2012-13 school year. I will waive the registration for one child in 2013 for you as long as the new family remains in school for the academic year.

The OLA School Council committees are working diligently on a variety of tasks for promoting the school, reconnecting with alumni, improving communications, planning facility upgrades as well as analyzing our budget and finances. We have contracted with "Schoolreach" for our communications system, and special credit goes to Mrs. Julie Smith for all the data analysis and entry she has done on our behalf. I anticipate that we will be asking for your input on what else we could/should be doing, through surveys in the next couple of months.

Enclosed today are the criteria and application forms for financial assistance from the Catholic Education Foundation. Every year the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Education Foundation makes over \$9 million available for children to attend Catholic Schools in Los Angeles. More information is available at www.cedfn.org. If you would like to be considered for financial assistance, please take some time to complete and return the forms with supporting documentation. **Applications are due March 2, 2012.** If you do not meet the CEF criteria, you may submit an application with the supporting documentation for consideration through our own in-school financial assistance. I will be working with the parish finance council to determine how to allocate the limited in-school funds. All applications are confidential.

Finally, I would like to officially welcome Mr. Chris Salabaj as our new PE teacher and AD. His first couple of weeks will be hectic as he learns all the names and adjusts to our schedules. Many thanks go to Sensei Alen and 'Z-Ultimate' for substituting for the two weeks before he began.

So as we start the second half of the school year and look forward to the lengthening days let us pray that we see God's light shining and illuminating our path, and may we help shine this light bringing God's love and hope to others.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Boyle
Principal