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Dear SKD Friends and Family,

As we celebrate our very special tenth anniversary year, I reflect on all we have accomplished over the past year. It may not have resembled anything we have ever known before, but our doors were open and we provided our students with the same incredible, high quality Catholic education that we have been delivering for 10 years. Our families, students, teachers, staff, and administration all came together and kept our community strong, hopeful, and grateful during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year we are proud of so many accomplishments due to the generosity of donors through our Annual Fund. I am delighted to share with you some of the many recent highlights and blessings of this past year.

- **SKD Learning Center:** Our new Learning Center is in full operation. We are excited to have the official ribbon cutting and dedication of our SKD Learning Center which consists of our Learning Support Room, our Catapult Offices, and our Fine Arts Music Lab.
- **Innovative STREAM Lab:** Our former Media Center has been redesigned to our new and improved STREAM Lab where art classes take place along with STEM courses which include our 3D printers and our maker space.
- **Our Flex Farm:** We are fortunate to have been selected to showcase and educate the benefits of our Flex Farm which is a fully self-contained vertical hydroponic system. Our students have been growing vegetables throughout the school year and provide fresh produce to those in need.
- **Additional PreK 3 Classroom:** We are thrilled to have welcomed a 2nd PK3 class to our school this year.
- **After-School Clubs:** Our extra-curricular clubs have returned this school year. From forensics to culinary skills- we have something for every student. We know that these activities have proven to provide opportunities for leadership growth and development and support the social, educational, and cultural life of the school.
- **Performing Arts Club:** Our students will be performing Aladdin Jr. on March 4th and 5th at Villa Joseph Marie High School. We are excited for this year's show. With expanded characters, new songs, and more thrills, this new adaptation of the beloved story will open up "a whole new world" for our young performers!
- **New Playground:** Our playground on the field is being replaced and will reopen soon. We know our students have missed the use of this playground during recess, and we know how essential it is to their development.
- **New Furniture:** We have updated several classrooms with new desks and chairs. Knowing that school furniture has certainly evolved to promote a better learning environment, these new desks accommodate comfort, structural

strength, and easy configuration along with being conducive to learning. We look forward to continuing to replace desks and chairs for all classrooms in the coming years.

- **Passion Play:** Finally, the best news of all- we are ecstatic to welcome back our annual Passion Play directed by Monsignor Marine and Mrs. Lisa Garner. It is an absolute joy to watch our 7th and 8th grade students grow in their faith and knowledge of the intimate details of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection. This is a very rewarding and memorable experience for the children and all who attend the show. This time-honored tradition is a solid foundation as to who we are at SKD. This year's performances will be on Sunday, April 10th and Monday, April 11th.

As we look to continue this post-pandemic momentum in 2022, I ask that you please consider making a gift to our school. Your support of the Annual Fund continues to make it possible for us to advance our school's mission and to provide our students with the Catholic education that sets our school apart from other schools in our area. We look forward to what the future holds with excitement and in appreciation of all who have come before and their contributions to the past 10 years that have brought us to where we are today. I think of all the many lives changed for the better by being a part of the Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School Community, including my own.

Please continue to keep our entire school community in your prayers, with the assurance that you and your loved ones are in ours. On behalf of Monsignor Marine, Reverend Michael Davis, Mrs. Alicia Figueroa, and our entire School Board, we thank you and remain most grateful for your support.

God's blessings,



Ms. Clark  
Principal



Let it be known to all  
who enter here that  
**Jesus Christ**  
is the reason for this  
school,  
the unseen but  
ever-present  
teacher in all its classes,  
the model of its faculty,  
and  
the inspiration for its students.