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Friday, December 11, 2020

Dear GSC Families, Faculty and Staff, and Community Members,

We met as a Board the other night and, among the typical business discussed, we reflected on the unique times we're all living through in the GSC community. There is no other way to say it – the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year has been challenging, not to mention the final three months of the prior academic year.

Despite all of the obstacles we have faced, we've risen above and delivered! We want to celebrate a few GSC wins so far this school year.

- **In-Person Instruction** – We successfully returned to in-person instruction this Fall and maintained a safe learning environment for 12 weeks. We love seeing the school full of PreK-8th grade Students!

- **Middle States Accreditation** – Sr. Helen, along with the Faculty and Staff, creatively welcomed the Middle States team to GSC with virtual meetings and classroom visits. The Visiting Team's preliminary report showed that GSC exceeded all Middle State standards; we are waiting on the final report with the accreditation.

- **Virtual Learning** – When mandated by the County, we transitioned our students and staff to virtual learning and did not miss a beat! GSC's Early Childhood Program continued and the classrooms and halls were filled with our youngest Learners and their Teachers.

- **Enrollment** – We welcomed 69 new Students and 46 new Families to the GSC Community this September and currently have a waitlist of future students. Please continue to share your GSC experiences with your friends, family, and neighbors! And keep an eye out for details about re-enrollment to be shared in January.

- **Parent Engagement** – In September 2019, the GSC Parent Community completed our first Parent Engagement Survey, focused on the well-rounded education GSC offers our students, focusing on *Mission and Identity, Scholarship, Community, Service, Communications*. After the survey was completed and [survey results shared](#) with the GSC Community, we created dynamic Working Groups, made up of Board Members, Faculty and Staff, and Parents to research, pilot, and implement new programs and/or events to enhance the GSC experience in *Service, School Community, and Communications*. This work slowed down because of the Pandemic and we are eager to push forward with some of the Working Group's initiatives in the Spring of 2021.

God



Scholarship



Community



Service

We are preparing our students for a faith-filled life of learning, leadership, and love for others.

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- **Fundraising** – We greatly miss our opportunities to come together as a community to celebrate and financially support GSC. Our Fundraising events and efforts are extremely important to GSC's success and growth. We are eager for the time when we can return to in-person events! In the meantime, thank you all for supporting the Mask and Christmas Raffle fundraisers and keep an eye out for more information about GSC's "Dance 4 Education" event during Catholic Schools Week and other upcoming Winter/Spring fundraising events.

While there have been many challenges to date and there are more still to come, we are impressed by, and thankful for, all your efforts and your commitment to GSC this year. Now, more than ever, we are proud to be GSC advisors and grateful to have such a wonderful community.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to celebrating the New Year with you!

Sincerely,

Tom McDonald
GSC Board Chair

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Established 2010
Celebrating 10 Years of
God † Scholarship † Community † Service