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Dear Parents:

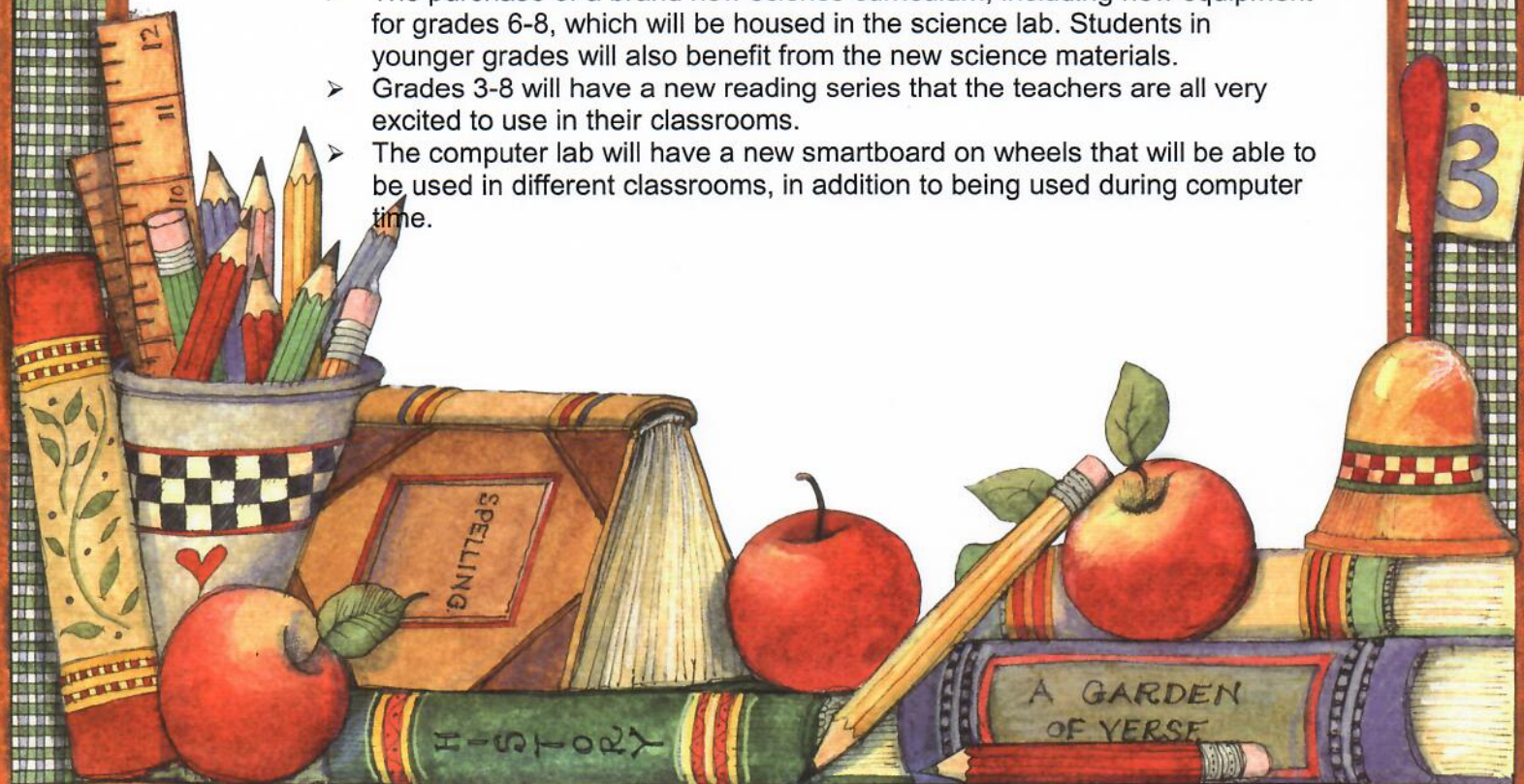
On behalf of the entire staff, it is with great honor and much enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. I am excited to begin my third year as the principal of St. Paul School. I honestly do not know where the time has gone, but have enjoyed being here with you, and look forward to seeing new faces and revisiting with familiar ones.

The summer is the perfect opportunity to spend special time with our families. This year my son Christopher and I went parasailing in Lake George, while my daughter watched from the boat. It was one of the most peaceful and beautiful adventures of my life. We also went to Hershey Park right before it flooded. Thankfully, my timing was good. In addition to going away, it is always good to grow professionally. The Archdiocese of New York invited all third year principals to an invigorating two day workshop. These two days were enriching and thought provoking as we need to continue to grow and develop in order to provide the best academic practices to our school.

It is always exciting to start a new school year! Our theme for this school year is *Christ Be Our Light*. Like last year, each day we will continue to "Know, Serve and Love Jesus more, the unseen but ever present Teacher in our school." We will ask ourselves how we can be the Light of Christ for others in our school, home and community?

Some new changes to look forward to this year:

- The purchase of a brand new science curriculum, including new equipment for grades 6-8, which will be housed in the science lab. Students in younger grades will also benefit from the new science materials.
- Grades 3-8 will have a new reading series that the teachers are all very excited to use in their classrooms.
- The computer lab will have a new smartboard on wheels that will be able to be used in different classrooms, in addition to being used during computer time.



Please be aware of the following:

- ✓ School hours are 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. for kindergarten – 8th grade.
- ✓ Our lunch program will begin on Monday, September 17th. We will be making some new changes to our lunch menu, stay tuned.
- ✓ Students arriving by car are to be dropped off in between the two buildings.
- ✓ Please continue to check the school calendar for upcoming events.

We are very much looking forward to watching the students stream off the buses and out of cars and to have the hallways filled with the hustle and bustle that has been absent all summer. Old friendships are quickly rekindled and new friendships made. Students swap stories about summer and show off new backpacks and school supplies. Please know that I value our time together and welcome any opportunity to meet with you. If you need anything, please feel free to call the office to set up an appointment. I am available beginning at 8:30 after prayers.

We are looking forward to collaborating with you to provide a safe and nurturing environment. As you know, I take my role as your principal very seriously and I am committed to making our school better. Thank you for your endless support. I know together we will continue to make a difference.

God Bless,

Mrs. Michelle Pitot
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