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Dear Parents:

Welcome back to St. Patrick Catholic School. We middle school teachers are looking forward to a great 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Weddle, Mrs. Krohn, and Mrs. Plathe are returning and teaching the same subjects, with some new textbooks and resources. Our Middle School Handbook is the same as last year, with a few changes here and there. We ask that you take some time to carefully read through the Handbook with your child.

The school day begins at 8:15 each morning. All students must be present in homeroom and in their seats at this time. If a student is not in their seat at 8:15 they will be marked absent or tardy unless the school has been notified with an excused absence/tardy. The classes in middle school will be forty minutes long with each class rotating to each teacher twice in the day, and there will be Study Hall periods every day except Friday, which may be missed by band/exploratory students. We will be continuing with our wellness program, which will consist of health topics and group building/leadership activities. Art will continue to be taught by classroom teachers as well as a technology class, and conversational Spanish class once a week.

In the new Middle School Handbook you will find:

- Explanation of Assignment Notebooks (note the waiver and required signatures)
- Parent Survey
- St. Patrick Catholic School Mission
- Middle School Dress Code
- Class Rules
- Explanation of Academic and Behavior Responsibilities
- Sample Assignment Sheet
- Sample Disciplinary Form

This year the middle school will continue using Student-led Conferences on the scheduled Parent – Teacher Conference evenings. They will work in the same manner as the past, with the exception of meeting with all three teachers at the same time. The purpose of the Student-led Conferences is for the individual student to be more aware of and take more ownership in their grades and schoolwork. During the school year, students will keep summative assessments (tests, papers, projects) from each class in a portfolio. When conference time is near, students will pick three artifacts from their portfolio to show during their conferences. A conference form has been created to guide the students in preparing for their conference. They will work with each teacher in filling out the form, and practice with the teacher before the conference. Topics on the form will include strengths, work habits, content information, behavior and goals and/or improvements. All students are required to be at their

scheduled conferences. If a scheduling conflict arises, the teachers need to be notified and conferences rescheduled as soon as possible.

In the middle school we often take quite a few field trips. Many times we are dependent upon parent drivers to transport our students to their locations. In order to be a parent driver, you will need to complete the Virtus training. This is an online training course for Protecting God's Children that you only need to take once. We ask that if you are interested in driving for any of our field trips, you complete this training as soon as possible. The online training link can be found on the school's website <http://www.stpatricks-perry-ia.org/index.html>

There will be a grace period established for all students and teachers to adjust to the changes made for this year. We understand that you will probably have questions regarding policies for the 2012-2013 school year. We are planning to have a Middle School Information Night at the beginning of September to address any questions or concerns you may have. A letter will be sent home at a later date with the information regarding the Information Night.

Once again we welcome everyone to the middle school at St. Patrick Catholic School. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the teachers at their contact information below (note the new email addresses) or at 465-4186. We are very excited for this school year to begin, and we know it will be a great year.

Thank you,

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