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Dear Second Grade Families,

When we met back in September, I promised that communication regarding the Second Grade would be as early and transparent as possible, and that is the purpose of this letter. I am so excited to announce that as of the writing of this letter, and if the numbers remain the same through the Summer, we will be dividing the Third Grade into two sections for the 2026-2027 School Year! I will mention this briefly in my final Weekly Newsletter, but I wanted to give you something more specific. We had another excellent year of recruitment and admissions and, perhaps through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we've added quite a few new Third Graders for next year.

I have also been speaking to the Third Grade teachers, and other teachers who have been in the building a long time, and I have discovered that before COVID, Third Grade was departmentalized. This means that one teacher taught, for example, Math and Science, and the other taught ELA and Social Studies to both classes. Each teacher taught Religion to their homerooms. This was something that went away because of the pandemic. After discussing with the teachers and others, we have decided to return to this OLV cultural norm for next year and departmentalize Third Grade. It was always done beginning with Third Grade as it will prepare the students for being responsible for two main teachers in Fourth Grade; with Fourth Grade being a state testing year, the least amount of "new" that is given to them will hopefully enhance their performance on those exams by being able to hit the ground running with rigorous learning sooner in September. Also, it allows for more maximized effective instruction, with teachers only having to plan for three subjects rather than five. Please note that the students will not be switching classrooms – the teachers will switch.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I'm looking forward to another excellent year!

Sincerely
Mr. Ryan Fedak – Principal