

<sup>+</sup>Dear QOA Families,

Many of our middle school students enjoyed the first CYO dance of the year. I stopped in to greet everyone, but the music decibels and the strobe lighting proved to be a bit much for me. It made my heart happy to see the students thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thanks to the chaperones; I hope you had your earplugs ready.

Yesterday our students displayed their dazzling smiles for the Lifetouch photographers. We surely do have a good-looking group of students!

Please remember in your prayers nine of our eighth graders who will participate in the Neumann Scholarship test on Sunday, September 25. Twelve of our eighth graders qualified for the opportunity to win this scholarship, but only those planning to attend an Archdiocesan high school are permitted to take the test. We are very proud of our students and we encourage them to do their best and God will do the rest.

Next week, our kindergarten through eighth grade will be administered the *i-Ready Diagnostic*. This is a valuable tool for both teachers and parents. The program assists students in strengthening their mathematical and reading skills. Prerequisite skills in both subjects must be mastered before progressing to the next level. Results of the test aid teachers in developing instruction that will meet students' individual needs. The results also offer suggestions for increasing content mastery. The program provides students with targets to develop their math and reading proficiency and challenges them to achieve advanced proficiency levels.

Parents, in order to motivate your children to achieve their academic potential, let us encourage them in their efforts in this endeavor. Please stress to them that they should take their time and try their best so that the faculty can attain an accurate measure of your child/ren's strengths and areas needing further instruction and/or reinforcement. Please visit [https://i-readycentral.com/download/?res=479&view\\_pdf=1](https://i-readycentral.com/download/?res=479&view_pdf=1) for more information on this diagnostic.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support your child's overall growth.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I am,

*Sister Mary*

