



Dear Friend of St. Benedict High School,

In recent weeks, rumors have been circulating through our community about the future of the area's public and Catholic high schools, including St. Benedict. We cannot speak for other schools, but we wanted to assure our students, families, faculty, parishioners, neighbors and supporters of St. Benedict High School that we **ARE** open for business with **NO** plans to close.

Planning is in high gear for the coming year. We are aggressively recruiting the new freshman class, teacher contracts are being extended and fundraising efforts are in place. In addition, new board members are joining, athletics are scheduled and the annual international trip is being designed. That is just the beginning of our success story.

St. Benedict High School is coming off a very good year. Our enrollment is up; we met our budget while making a small operating profit. Academic scores improved, technology has been updated and our fundraising has increased.

This will be tough to match in the coming year as the uncertainty of the economy makes it difficult for families to fund their children's education. However, we have faced similar challenges since the high school opened in 1950 and will overcome these obstacles as we have in the past. In just a few weeks our 2009 class will graduate, and a few months after that we will be welcoming the class of 2013.

All of this is possible because of your continuous support of past, present and future classes of our high school. A donor is matching this year's Annual Scholarship Fund up to \$25,000, and we need your help to reach this tremendous milestone as we continue to strive to be the best. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making a donation to the high school today. Your ongoing support makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity in supporting and helping to ensure the success of St. Benedict High School.

God Bless,

Fr. Robert Beaven, Pastor
St. Benedict Parish

Sante Iacovelli, Principal and President
St. Benedict High School

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"Scholarship Strengthened Through Service"