

Dear Parents and Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes School,

It has been a busy summer in the building at 7500 Pearl Street. A Long Summer Camp has been going strong, with children of all ages in and out and about all day long. We have had three classrooms renovated completely. We now have a beautiful, bright Art Room, a lovely Music Room with a ceramic tile floor, and a large, totally refurbished Resource Room. We also add a whole new room just inside the entry to the gym. This room will be our Enrichment Program headquarters.

The renovations to the Library Media Center have been extensive. The wall came down; the bathroom was built; Monsignor Filardi and I kept coming up with new ideas; the power went out for four days and work was halted; last week the entire ground floor of the building flooded and the construction team had to help us tear up carpeting! The flooding recurred again today, but was more manageable. Over the next week we will be replacing carpeting in both Pre-K classrooms and the Religious Education Room. We will be repainting and repairing what was damaged by the water, all the while still working on the Library Media Center. We look forward to the day when all the little extras are completed, and we can invite everyone in for a tour of this beautiful space.

In the meantime, we are getting estimates from waterproofing companies for a system to be installed on the perimeter of the building to keep the water out. Our building is 70 years old, and in need of a little protection. Over the next 7 days our building maintenance crew will shampoo carpets, touch up paint and move desks. The teachers will be unpacking new books, making name tags, decorating bulletin boards and lots more, so that school will begin without a hitch on Tuesday, August 31.

We thank each of you for your generous support of the Gala and the two Lions' Roars. The funds raised at those events have been put to good use. Your children will surely reap the benefits of your generosity this year and for years to come.

God bless.
Patricia McGann
Principal