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Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to watch the second graders this morning as they led our liturgy in song, received the Eucharist, and crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother in front of the school. May is the month of Mary, Jesus' mother who is also our mother and the patron saint of the Catholic Church in the United States. Let's all remember to reflect on the holiness and faithfulness of Mary this month as we pray "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you...."

I am pleased to inform you that Ascension School is the first Archdiocesan school to be named a **Governor's Model Green School!** Only 2 other public schools will receive this honor. Since 1999, 341 or 16% of Maryland schools have achieved this significant honor. Mrs. Ward and I will be attending the Green Schools Youth Summit with a group of our students on June 4th at Sandy Point State Park. For more information go to <http://www.maeoe.org/greenschools/youthsummithome.php>

I would like to thank Mr. Joseph Striedl, father of Andrew in Kindergarten, for his work with students last Friday, as a volunteer for the Northrup Grumman *Discover E* program. He encouraged students to pursue careers in engineering and courses in math and science by setting up simple and enjoyable problem-solving engineering-type exercises in the classrooms.

Congratulations to 6th grader, Christopher Barber, the winner of the 2010 Ascension School Spelling Bee! Christopher will go on to compete at the Archdiocesan level. Congratulations also to Kate Dawson who also won the second place Science Fair award by working with Olivia Von Hagel on "Can Grass Eat What People Eat?"

Congratulations to our April Ascension Cares winners. Meghan Brandt, Rachel Murray, and Nick Rispoli! They had their names drawn from a basket which included many other students who performed acts of kindness in April. Thank you to all who live the Gospel message of love daily.

Attached is an invitation to a Mass and reception on Saturday, May 29th, to honor the 10th anniversary of Fr. John Williamson's entry into the priesthood. Please plan on joining us to pray for and celebrate Fr. John and his ministry to the Church.

Don't forget to join Ascension School families at Chick-fil-A in Lansdowne Station from 4-7PM this evening. We look forward to seeing you there **tonight!**

Today at the end of the school day, we will put all used uniforms in Brewer Hall. Please feel free to go through the uniforms and take what you need today through next Wednesday, May 12th, immediately before school (7:30-8AM) and after school (3-3:30PM). **After next Wednesday, all used uniforms will be donated to receiving schools or given to charity.**

There will be a food collection this Friday with all non-perishable items go to the Southwest Emergency Shelter. Thank you for your continued generosity towards those less generous.

I have received some instructions from the Archdiocese regarding the transfer of student files.

- If a parent has made a request to transfer student files to another school and there is no unpaid balance at Ascension School, the files will be mailed or delivered to the school that the student will attend next year.
- The STAND files will also be transferred to the school your child will attend next year if they are attending an Archdiocesan school.
- **June 15th is the final day to pay back tuition and request a student's file to be transferred.**
- The medical files and any other confidential information will be given to the parent on the last day of school. **Parents must pick up medical and confidential files in person by June 15th.**
- All confidential files that are not picked up by June 15th will be shredded.
- As of June 15, 2010, if no request has been made to transfer the file or if there is a remaining balance due to Ascension, the remaining current student files will be transferred to the Catholic Center at 320 Cathedral Street in Baltimore.
- Parents must contact the Catholic Center to transfer files after July 1, 2010.
- If there is a balance due, payment must be made by check or money order.
- Contact numbers for the Catholic Center will be provided at the end of the school year.

Thank you for your attention to this long and detailed letter.
May we honor the Blessed Mother during this beautiful month of May.

Peace,
Mrs. Bahr