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Dear Parents,

Visitation is off to a wonderful start of a new academic year. Enthusiastic students enter the building each day, and the faculty enter their classrooms with fresh ideas and plans. This year is especially exciting as I see the growing momentum in so many areas of importance to me as Head of School.

This momentum is due in part to the exceptional generosity of our Visitation community. Your daughters benefit from the generosity of those who support Visitation with their giving – financially as well as by participating in Mother's & Father's Club events. The impact of your philanthropy is essential to Visitation, enabling us to offer the academic program that distinguishes a Visitation education. Our ability to graduate uniquely prepared, confident, and ambitious future leaders depends upon the support of families.

I would like to thank the Mother's and Father's Club for their \$250 donations to help subsidize the cost of the Visitation Schools Network meeting. Visitation is part of a network of Visitation schools in the United States. "The vision for our Visitation schools [is] to reflect the spiritual vision present in the founding days of the Visitation order. We wish to strengthen both the individual and the community by creating school environments permeated with a spirit of gentle strength, humility, kind thoughtfulness, and joyful optimism." The purpose of the VSN meeting is so all four Visitation school administrations can meet to promote and foster peer networking and collaboration between Visitation schools. Representatives from Brooklyn, Georgetown, St. Louis, and Mendota Heights met at our campus from September 29 – October 1.

Your involvement in our school is an investment in our students' futures and a reflection of the pride we share as Visitation families. I thank you for all your support, and I encourage you to participate in Mother's & Father's Club events. Thank you,

Jean Bernieri
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