Dear Parents,

Thank you for your attendance throughout our Orientation week. It was so nice to see so many of you at school. All nights were well attended, and the teachers, staff, and leadership team appreciate your support.

As you know, communication is the key to success in all aspects of your child’s school year. Our new format for the junior high Orientation was well received and was very successful in meeting our goal of informing parents of what to expect this school year in a more relaxed and stress-free atmosphere.

In visiting with some of the parents on junior high Orientation night, I realized that clarification as to why we made the changes to the Orientation night format might be necessary. We are always trying to improve our processes and procedures in order to benefit our parents and students to the fullest.

With the previous Orientation format, there were many problems with the timing of the evening. The new format made it possible to avoid the common struggle of travelling from class to class in a limited amount of time amongst a large crowd of people in the junior high hallway. This process often caused parents to miss important pieces of information due to entering the classroom after the presentation had already begun. In addition, we felt that teachers had such a limited amount of time to get their information to parents that they had to leave out important pieces in order to finish their presentation on time. It was with this in mind that we moved to the process of providing both classroom and school information to parents via videos in advance of Orientation night. We felt that this would not only help parents but would help teachers to get their message across in more detail and in a format that would allow parents to go back and review the information whenever necessary. This would also help those parents who had previous commitments and could not make it to Orientation. These video presentations would be a way for those parents to be informed on what to expect of the year and would alleviate their worries of not being able to attend. The video presentations would also allow parents to jot down questions in advance of coming to Orientation so that they could get any information they needed when visiting with teachers on Orientation night.

Another issue that our new procedure addressed has to do with parents who have multiple children in junior high. With the previous format, these parents had to either divide up their time between teachers or had to miss some teachers altogether. With the new format, they have the opportunity to visit with all of the classroom teachers without having the worry of missing important information as often happened in the past. In addition, and in keeping with our efforts to go “green”, our new format eliminated the necessity of the normal handouts that were required for teacher/parent communication.

As stated earlier, communication is the key to success in all aspects of your child's school year. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasis the importance of the daily viewing of the school website, www.fatimawarrior.com, and Renweb in order to keep informed of
all activities that are happening at school. These are our main means of communication between the school and the parents.

Thank you again for your continued cooperation, prayers, and support and for the sacrifices that you make for your children and for Our Lady of Fatima School.