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Dear Parents,

As I write this letter, I pray to the Lord our God to keep you safe and bless you with good health and feel His presence each moment of your life.

Well, the big moment for our Accreditation Visitation is near. The results of all the work we have done over the last six years has to be shown during this accreditation visitation. As all of you know, there are two stages of the visitation: the Pre-Visitation and the Visitation. Let us talk about those stages.

The Pre-Visitation

The Pre-Visitation happens several weeks before the Visitation. One afternoon, the entire Visitation Committee will come together to meet each other, clarify expectations regarding the visitation as well as establish responsibilities for each team member. At the same time, they will get to know the Faculty and Staff of the school and will receive a copy of the Accreditation report (a document we have been preparing for the last two years) and then, they will be off to begin the preparation of the Visitation Report.

Our Pre-Visitation will be Wednesday, February 4, 2009, from Noon to 4:00 pm.

The Visitation

After reviewing the document and begin the preparation of the Visiting Committee Report, the Visitation happens. For three days, the team will come back to visit classes, talk to students, faculty and staff, parents and school council, and will write their conclusions in a report they will send to NCEA, the entity that will approve the accreditation of Saint Patrick School. The goal of the visitation is to verify that everything that is written in the report they received is true. After those three days, they will give us their final commendations and recommendations, though they will not say the period of accreditation they will be recommending Saint Patrick School to receive.

Our Visitation will be from Monday, March 23, to Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Yes, right after Irish Games.

Your participation

How can you help us? There are several ways that all will be able to help:

1. By having read all the information regarding the accreditation visitation we have sent to you since the beginning of the school year.
2. By responding to the survey we sent home several times. We sent the survey home two times during the 2007-2008 school year and once this school year. I hope we received your input.

3. By participating in the parent meeting night with the Accreditation Visitation Committee. I am planning that meeting to happen on Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Your attendance will be very much appreciated it. Please, come and say all you know about the school. You will not help if you say you didn't know anything about the accreditation. If you have no idea about this accreditation visitation, please let us know and I will be sure to provide you with additional information.
4. By being welcoming and being good hosts to them at all times. How will you help us on this? I have an idea. While they are here we can have homemade meals for them, and make them feel at home by giving the best of what we have. Our goal is for the visitation to be a positive experience that they will never forget.

Helping with the meals

We will need to prepare:

1. Three breakfasts (Monday March 23, Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25)
2. 4 lunches (Wednesday, February 4, Monday March 23, Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25)
3. 2 dinners(Monday March 23, and Tuesday, March 24)
4. Have a supply of coffee, soft drinks, water, and snacks for those days.

Return the enclosed form

I would like everyone's participation: welcoming, attending the meeting, and being present in one way or another. Please, in the form that is included, fill in all the ways you will want to be present and helpful during the Accreditation Visitation and send it back this week. Remember, we want 100% participation.

May God keep you safe and healthy. May God give you the strength and the courage to continue doing the things that are right and continue being a person of justice at all times.

I will wait for your response.

God bless you!

Toño Vegas, Principal

How can I help with the Accreditation Visitation?

Parents' Name:	
Contact Phone Numbers:	

Please, check the proper boxes

- I need all the reports regarding accreditation you have sent before.
- I will participate in the meeting with the Accreditation Visitation Team that is planned for Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- I will help to fix a lunch for the Committee on Wednesday, February 4, 2009
- I will help to fix a breakfast for the Committee on Monday, March 23, 2009
- I will help to fix a breakfast for the Committee on Tuesday, March 24, 2009
- I will help to fix a breakfast for the Committee on Wednesday, March 25, 2009
- I will help to fix a lunch for the Committee on Monday, March 23, 2009
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- I will help to fix a dinner for the Committee on Monday, March 23, 2009
- I will help to fix a dinner for the Committee on Tuesday, March 24, 2009
- I will help in any other way that the schools needs during the Pre-visitation and/or Visitation