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Dear St. Joseph School Community,

Every year, the Department of Education, through the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program, recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools for their overall academic excellence or for their great progress in closing achievement gaps. It is with great gratitude and pride that I announce that **St. Joseph School has been honored as a NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL!**

The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work and dedication of our teachers and staff, as well as the commitment of our students to strive to do their best. This great honor the solid teaching and learning that occurs daily at St. Joseph School and serves as a testament to the support of our parish and school community to make St. Joseph School an innovative, safe and welcoming learning environment. To highlight what a great accomplishment it is to receive this award, St. Joseph School is one of only 50 nonpublic schools across the country to receive this wonderful honor!

As a school community, we will celebrate this honor tomorrow. Monsignor McLoone, Sister Diane and I invite you to join us on Friday, September 29, for a **National Blue Ribbon Pep Rally!** We will meet in the gym at 10:00 a.m. All faculty, staff, students, parents, visitors, and guests are invited to wear blue shirts to school on this day! Come to hear some words of praise and gratitude from Monsignor. Listen to our band play and join our students in singing a school favorite, the St. Joseph School Song! We hope you can join us in this great celebration!

May God continue to shower His abundant blessings on St. Joseph School and our entire community!

Gratefully and prayerfully,

Sister Catherine Irene Masino, IHM
Principal, St. Joseph School
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