September 5, 2014

Dear Families,

As you are aware we are in the middle of a three-year STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Plan at Saint John the Evangelist School.  The goal of this plan is to enhance our teaching in STEM areas through staff development, technology upgrades and the purchase of curricular materials in this important area.  At our Open Houses I will be announcing a very exciting partnership that our school has been awarded through the Catholic Schools Foundation that was a direct result of our STEM commitment.

This summer we added several Smart Boards to all of our early childhood classrooms and two elementary classrooms, purchased Chrome Book laptops for all of our middle school students, and we are in the process of adding a robotics element to our existing elementary and middle school curriculum.  Next summer we will be renovating the middle school science laboratories and purchasing many more STEM curriculum materials for grades preschool through grade 8.  This is a very exciting time for our school!

As I mentioned last April, we have tapped into several areas for funding these needed improvements.  Most recently, *The Saint John School Foundation* funded updated computers for all of our teachers.  We have also tapped into some capitol money that is designated for school improvements.  In order to complete the funding package for this year, there will be a $125 fee per student.  For larger families, this fee is capped at two students, so those with 2 or more students will be assessed $250 maximum.  **Please fill out and return the bill below with you payment via check made out to *Saint John the Evangelist School* by September 15.**

Thank you for supporting our school as we enhance your children's learning experience.

Warmest regards and God Bless,

Sean Richardson
Principal

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**Saint John the Evangelist School
2014-2014 STEM Fee**

Parent(s): _____

Children's names/grades:

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Amount of STEM Fee enclosed: _____ Date: _____

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