



September 4, 2009

Dear DeSales Parent,

I am thrilled to report to you that we are off to an absolutely fantastic start to the 2009-2010 school year! As a team of faculty, staff, and administrators we have committed ourselves to setting the proper tone for this school year from day one and holding our students—and ourselves—to the high expectations that we all expect of our learning community. Our students have responded wonderfully to our academic and disciplinary expectations and are engaged and active in their own learning experience. Of course, none of this would be possible without your support and for that we thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about an upcoming event that we encourage all parents to attend, the annual ***Back to School Night*** on September 16th. This represents an opportunity to engage our parents in discussion about classroom instruction, special programs, and upcoming events, as well the opportunity for you to meet your son's teacher. The agenda for evening is as follows:

- **6:15:** **Senior Parent Meeting**—Mrs. Barnett will meet with senior parents to discuss important information that senior parents can use for planning purposes.
- **6:15:** **UPS School-to-Work Meeting** for the parents of Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students who may be interested in taking advantage of the DeSales-UPS partnership during the senior year. A representative from UPS will be on hand to explain the program and answer questions.
- **7:00-8:15:** **Mock Schedule**—parents will have the opportunity to spend several minutes with each of their son's teachers to ask questions, set up conferences, or just say hello.
- **NOTE:** We will be on a delayed opening schedule the day after parent night—Thursday, September 17th. Classes will not begin until 9:30 am on Thursday, September 17th, due to the late evening hours on Parent Night.

Please keep in mind that we will not have a Parent-Teacher Conference night this year. Please feel free to make an appointment to discuss your son's academic standing or any other issue that you are concerned about by directly contacting the teacher. Parent-Teacher conferences may occur at the discretion of either the teacher or parent at an agreed upon time. Again, thank you for supporting the mission of DeSales High School and, as always, don't hesitate to call or email if you a question or concern.

Respectfully yours,

Christopher J. Walsh
Vice President of Academics/Principal