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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

My name is Sister Erin Zubal, and it is a privilege to serve as your Principal at St. Leo the Great School for the 2015-2016 School Year. I look forward to following in the legacy of Mrs. Diane Weiss, as I seek to build on the solid foundation that has been laid during her leadership over the past 12 years. In addition, I am grateful to all of you who have built and sustained the St. Leo Community since the founding days.

It is an exciting time for me as I begin serving the students, parents and parishioners of St. Leo's Preschool and Elementary School. I would like to update you on a couple of projects Father Jim and I are working on, in addition to asking for your support as we vision for the future.

I am pleased to share with you that we have been blessed as recipients of a **Sherwin Williams Community Service Grant**. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Sherwin Williams kindly painted the gym (Lux Hall) for the St. Leo's Community. Sherwin Williams is providing all the materials and labor for this project. We are very excited! This is a win-win as the gym is utilized greatly by both the school and parish. Stay tuned for updates on this project. We will post pictures on the website as the project unfolds.

In addition, we have received \$5,000 from the **Ohio Department of Education** to supplement work Father Jim initiated last year when he updated the security cameras at the entrances of the school. In addition to reimbursing us for the camera costs, this grant will also cover shatter resistant film that we will have installed on all the exterior windows at each entrance. We are very pleased with this security initiative the ODE is funding, as we seek to keep student safety a priority at St. Leo the Great.

These projects are very exciting, as we continue to make needed improvements and updates for the Preschool and Elementary School. In order to continue to provide a current and competitive academic curriculum, in addition to focusing on the spiritual formation of our students, Father Jim and I have been visioning for a strong future. We want to include all of you, our faithful parishioners, in this visioning process. Father Jim and I believe strongly in supporting locally owned businesses and have been working with quality men and women who have been providing our services. We will continue that commitment with upcoming projects.

You will notice that most of the summer initiatives are focused on building projects. Research shows us that students and teachers are directly impacted by the environment in which they learn and teach. In order to continue to offer excellent education, we need to make important updates to our building that will continue to retain and attract students and families to our grounds, preschool and elementary school. While we are writing many grants to seek funding for technology and academic needs, funders are not as willing to fund "building endeavors". This is where we could use your help.

We ask that you prayerfully consider opportunities where you can give time, talent or resources to the future of St. Leo the Great Preschool and Elementary School. At this time, Father Jim and I ask for your financial support to fund summer projects as we prepare for the 2015-2016 School Year. Any amount you can give towards these initiatives is very much appreciated. Please see a listing of the projects on the reverse side of this appeal.

If you have any questions or wish to collaborate with these projects, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In gratitude for your faithfulness and support, Sister Erin Zubal, OSU Principal

Father James P. Schmitz Pastor

# **Gym Update and Renovation**

Project	Cost
Gym Painting	Sherwin Williams Grant
New Scoreboard	\$4,000
New Drapes for gym windows	\$6,800
New Wall Matts on either end of the gym and under the basketball hoops	\$1,545
Total Project Cost	\$12,345

#### **Locker Rooms**

Project	Cost
New Drop Ceiling	\$100
Lighting	\$357
Paint Cost	\$100
Total Project Cost	\$557

## **Music Room Update and Renovation**

Project	Cost
New Carpet	Donation from Landis Floors
Paint	\$300
New Lighting	\$1,579
Total Project Cost	\$1,879

## **General Lighting Repairs**

Project	Cost
Junior High Classrooms and Hallway Repair	\$2,500
Stairwell	\$320.00
Total Project Cost	\$2,820

## **General Painting**

Project	Cost
Cost of Paint - Maintenance and Sr. Erin will do the painting	\$500