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To the Class of 2010 and parents,

I am eagerly anticipating sharing your Eighth Grade experience with you and am very happy to be your homeroom teacher. Many of you already know me as your Science teacher, and we have had three nice years to build a working relationship. As your homeroom teacher, my expectations will be the same – always do your best and give your best remembering that now as the Class of 2010, younger students will be looking up to you as examples to model their own behavior on. We will do our best to set good examples and to be positive leaders in the school. Along those lines, please have a great, restful summer and turn up in August refreshed and ready to start the new school year: your last at St. Veronica.

In terms of summer assignments the following will be expected of you on the first day of school:

- Please know your math facts with speed and accuracy. USE FLASH CARDS AT LEAST TEN MINUTES EVERY DAY or use the deck of cards as we do in class (aces – 1, jacks – 11, queens – 12, kings – 13, red – negative, and black – positive). Ms. Pallitto will begin the year with a math review, and you know her!
- As for summer reading: all students are required to read one assigned novel (Hoot by Carl Hiaasen) and more books of your own choosing, for a combined total of at least 850 pages including Hoot. These books must be at the Eighth Grade reading level (I suggest the website www.bookadventure.com to get lists of good books at your grade level). You will be tested on the novel immediately upon your return so you should devise your own system for taking notes.

Your supply list is attached. Please make sure you have everything on the first day of school. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all in August. I am sure the Class of 2010 will be great and you will leave a wonderful legacy for the school.

Looking forward to a great year,

Mr. Casper, Eighth Grade Homeroom