

## New Parent Testimonial

By Kristen Hayes mother to Molly Hayes PK4

As parents, we consider providing our daughter, Molly, the best possible education a foremost responsibility. But what would define “her best possible education”? After many school visits and discussions with family, friends and professionals, my husbands and I created a list of what we valued for her education. We wanted a strong academic program that emphasized not only knowledge and achievement but also compassion and caring for others. We wanted for her, the environment we strive to create at home.

Our Lady Star of the Sea was one of the last schools I visited, but it became immediately clear that this was the place for us. Imagine a school where the principal not only knows every student by name, but greets each child with a warm smile and a reassuring peaceful demeanor. The children are always smiling, eager to be together and learning. The classrooms are clean, bright, cheerful, and organized. No institutional feeling here! After only 3 months of attending we believe Our Lad Star of the Sea truly strives to achieve their mission on a daily basis. Molly is learning “not only reach for the stars, but to become one”, “meanwhile remembering “that no two stars in the sky are alike”. She is developing a joy of learning embedded within a philosophy of faith, service, friendship, honesty, multiculturalism, and dedication to others. Within days of beginning school, Molly not only had made friends but she made 3 new best friends, each of whom are

wonderful stars and different in amazing, sparkling ways. As we become more involved, we only become more energized about our time there. With lots of exciting activities coming up, whether it is the “greening” of our school, the ever expanding enrichment programs, the fun after school programs and the self confident, independent, compassionate, young girl Our Lady Star of the Sea is helping us nurture, we can say, “We love our school.”