

*From the
Principal*

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Dear Friends of San Miguel,

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF AND STUDENTS of The San Miguel School, thank you for your continued work and support to get San Miguel where it is today. Many great things are happening here in Camden and it would not be possible without you. A bit of news ...

On the academic front, our students continue to show consistent improvement on the IOWA test in both reading and math. We monitor their progress both individually and as a group. Generally, many of our students come to us several grade levels behind in both reading and math and our goal remains to have the young men achieve grade level or above before leaving at the end of 8th grade. With perseverance they will be successful in their secondary schools.

Outside the classroom, our young men have been participating in service learning projects and field trips. Also, for the first time ever, in the fall they completed a literary magazine entitled "Artistic Minds" which demonstrated their literary and artistic talents. You will see a sample of their work in this Report on Annual Giving. Expectations are high for the spring edition!

The San Miguel Saints have been competing on the fields and in the gyms of Camden County. Currently our basketball team has been experiencing mixed results. However, important lessons about good sportsmanship and teamwork are making the season well worth the effort. With only two 8th graders on the team, there is a strong nucleus in place for continued success next year.

I am pleased to be able to report to you that two of our teachers, Mrs. Meg Kent and Mr. David Kuhn, have joined our board chairman, Mr. Robert Spires and myself in a three year program named The Lasallian Leadership Institute (LLI). This formation program immerses us and 30 other individuals involved in the Lasallian mission up and down the Eastern seaboard into the 320-year old teachings and spirituality of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Inevitably, LLI will enhance and deepen our understanding of the Lasallian mission with the goal of not only preserving our high quality education within a safe and caring environment but continually challenge us to innovate, reinvigorate, and deepen our roots in this rich educational legacy.

Finally, please accept this letter as an invitation for you to come visit us! We are happy to welcome you to our corner at 4th and Spruce Streets and would be honored if you were able to take time to meet some of the students, tour our building, and see our classes in action.

Sincerely,

James Hoban

