



Diocese of Charlotte

Office of Catholic Schools

Linda L. Cherry
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents,

We have been fielding questions regarding the upcoming speech that President Obama will give to students on September 8th. We appreciate the President's commitment in encouraging students to continue their education and work hard. We hope this motivational speech will encourage all students to reach their potential and goals.

The students in our Catholic schools receive this motivation daily, through the support of you (their parents) and our dedicated teachers and staff members. We have a 99.9% graduation rate and over 99% of our graduates go on to 2 or 4-year college programs.

Because we do not, as a rule, show live TV to our students and due to the short notice in realigning our schedules for that day, we will not be airing the program in our schools. We encourage all parents, as the first educators of your children, to make the decision on how to discuss the President's challenge with your own children. The White House plans to release the text of the actual speech on Monday, allowing the ability to go on-line and read the speech ahead of time. The actual address will be available on-line from various web sites, for use within your own home.

Have a blessed and relaxing Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cherry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Cherry".

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