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Dear Families of St. Matthew School,

It is with a loss for words that I must inform you of a death in our school family. On Wednesday evening, March 3, one of our Eighth Grade teachers, Donna Maguire died unexpectedly, although she battled an illness for many years.

Last evening, I contacted Mrs. Kaib, our former School Counselor, and she contacted four additional counselors from our sister schools to work with our 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders. The Counselors and Middle School teachers worked with the students on memory books, banners, and cards as a way to help them deal with their grief. It has been a very emotional day for students, teachers, counselors, and staff.

Funeral arrangements will take place at St. Peter the Apostle in New Castle. Mrs. Maguire's viewing will be in the Church from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 7. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 8, at St. Peter's beginning at 11:00 AM. A lunch reception will follow in St. Peter's Parish Hall.

In order for our teachers and staff who have worked with Mrs. Maguire over the years to attend, school will be closed on Monday, March 8. Students in our school are invited and encouraged to attend Mrs. Maguire's viewing and funeral with their parents or guardians. It will be an emotional time and the students need the support and comfort only a parent can provide.

I offer my condolences to Mrs. Maguire's family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bernard J. Fisher
Principal

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Eternal Rest grant unto Donna Maguire, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
May Donna rest in peace.