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Dear Parents:

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website - www.srlacademy.org. The site was created from the ground up, and incorporates state-of-the-art functionality, a sleek new design, and significantly-increased information about the Academy. The site is compatible with both PCs and Macs, as well as mobile devices, such as blackberries, iPhones and palms. In addition to providing parents with a user-friendly, robust, and centralized location for Academy information, the site will serve as an important marketing tool for the Academy. We intend to continually enhance and upgrade the content and functionality going forward.

There are a number of important and exciting new features on the site. For example, the school calendar is contained under the Calendar tab, in Google format. Therefore, you can download calendared events into your own Google calendar. You can view press releases and the latest news and events on the home page, under 'Academy Highlights' and 'News & Events'. You can download forms for sports, before and aftercare, and after school enrichment activities, among others. Additional forms will be added as they are created. The handbook is contained under the Policies tab, as well as information about pick up, drop off and what to do in case of illness. The FAQs tab has answers to a number of commonly-asked questions. HSA information can be found under the HSA tab, along with a list of officers and a description of the various committees; more HSA content will be added in the near future. The site also contains lots of photos of our children.

Please note that all faculty now have uniform convention email addresses, using the @srlacademy.org extension; a complete listing can be found under the Contact tab.

You will still continue to receive information from Danny, via email, and you should check your email frequently for news. Work on the site will be continuing, and we would welcome any feedback or suggestions you have as you begin to use it. Please email Danny with your suggestions, as he will be supporting and maintaining the site going forward.

I hope you enjoy using this new tool, and would like to extend our thanks to the team that spent many volunteer hours designing and creating the site, comprising Carol Doyle, Jeanine Faughnan, and Joe Ferraro, with assistance from Mr. Miller and Danny Solazzi. I also wish to thank Jimmy Johnston, our very talented web-developer. Many thanks to Claire Garland for all the wonderful photographs.

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