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Dear Prospective Parents,

Hello! My name is Kari Higgins and my husband, Mike, and I are the proud parents of a kindergartener at St. Brigid School. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read our story about how we decided to make an investment in our son, Logan's, future and why we're glad we did.

I was raised in the Catholic faith and attended St. Albert the Great and Archbishop Alter High School. Both schools were excellent in preparing me for "life in the real world" as well as shaping my faith. My husband is not Catholic and he attended schools in the Xenia Community Schools system. Mike has a daughter from a previous marriage who attends a public junior high school in Xenia. From the time Logan was born, Mike and I vacillated among whether to enroll him in the public school system, St. Brigid, or another local private school. In fact, we had him signed up at all three! In the end, we decided that making an educational investment by partnering with St. Brigid School would be the best thing for Logan.

Since joining St. Brigid School, Logan is excelling, both intellectually and developmentally. It has been a blessing having the St. Brigid School family join with me in teaching Logan about his faith and his Church. He has a small class and is friends with all of his classmates. A friend of mine with a child in public schools commented to me this past winter that Logan seems to have really "matured" since attending St. Brigid.

Logan's kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Cassidy, has been extremely helpful. She is accessible to me by phone, email and conference and I truly feel I've been able to work with her to help Logan achieve his educational and developmental needs both at home and at school. I work full time but have been able to come to Logan's class for a half hour each week and spend time with the kindergarteners. This has been a blessing in my life...I not only get to see firsthand what a great education Logan is receiving but I get to go back to kindergarten for a little bit! Speaking of me working full time, St. Brigid has a wonderful after school program that Logan attends for a nominal fee. That way, he can have structured play with familiar caregivers and fellow students until Mike or I pick him up. He doesn't have to go to an off-site daycare or private sitter.

Logan and all of the students from K-8 are involved in something called "Communities". Each community is comprised of kindergarten through eighth graders working together on various projects...many involving service to others. The eighth graders are "leaders" in the group and not

only does it teach the children to apply what they're learning in the classroom; it also teaches them to think critically.

In short, Mike and I are very happy with our decision and we are committed to sending Logan to St. Brigid for the duration of his elementary education. I know that finances are hard for everyone right now but this kind of an investment for your child will come back with great returns!

I wish you the best of luck in your selection for your child's education.

Sincerely,

Kari Higgins