



Dear Saints Families,

### **Welcome Back!**

I hope you enjoyed your summer and you are rested and ready as we gear up to begin another wonderful school year. I am excited and look forward to our students' success and am delighted to be a part of this awesome faith-filled learning community. This year, Father Curtis, the teachers and I look forward to working collaboratively and welcome and value your expertise and passion as your child(ren)'s first teacher.

Many of our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly this summer embarking on professional learning opportunities and meticulously planning for your child(ren)'s success. Our enthusiastic staff has worked to bring in some awesome new families and has been busy ensuring that we are ready to start on the 17th. This summer our Auction Committee has been planning to support our school in new and innovative ways, the first of which is bringing back the Auction to be held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>!

### **New Faculty Members**

I am so grateful for a staff that has a genuine love and devotion to our school community. To add to our team,

- Mrs. Rebecca Stephens- Resource teacher

### **Custodian**

- Mrs. Christie Myers

### **Returning in New Roles**

- Miss. Ashley Burch -Resource teacher
- Mrs. Jessica Hicks – 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

### **New Initiatives**

This year we are implementing a new and rigorous reading curriculum that will be used in our K-8 classrooms. We are excited to have a reading and writing curriculum with diverse literature, research-based instruction, and a wealth of reliable teaching tools and lessons.

We will also be incorporating a daily bible study in our PreK-8 classes. The new program is called "*In School with Jesus*". The daily lessons and bible readings will help take our students through the Bible in a relevant

way. We are so excited about this program, knowing that it will grow our students and teachers' relationships with Jesus!

Daily Staff prayer – this year our staff will be meeting each day at 7:30 to begin our day with prayer. In order to make this happen, students will not be able to be dropped off before 7:40. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Important Dates and News**

**Back to School Night is Monday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30.** It will be a come and go event. It is a great opportunity to drop off school supplies and meet your child(ren)'s teachers.

**The first day of school is August 17, 2022 for all students.** School begins promptly at 7:50am. The doors will not open until 7:40 this year. Please join us for our first day of school Mass in the gym at 8am. Parents you are able to sit with your child(ren)'s during Mass. We would love to see all our families there!

As I begin my second year here at St. Patrick, I am humbled and proud to serve as your principal. I look forward to the journey ahead with a community that prays, learns and grows together.

With you in Christ,

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*Principal*

St. Patrick Catholic School