

St. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Janine Bertolotti, Principal

August 1, 2019

Dear St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School Family,

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I am so excited to welcome you to the 2019 - 2020 academic year. I am honored to continue to serve the wonderful families who have entrusted their children, and the dedicated faculty and staff who work so benevolently at ensuring that our children's God-given talents are realized in a loving, faith-infused environment. We aim to continue to honor your trust in us by continuing to partner with you in the education of your child(ren) so as to build a strong foundation for future success.

We will continue our theme this year of *"Building the foundation for thinkers and believers"* and thereby continue the rich legacy of Catholic education. To this extent, we will continue our efforts in developing the entire child by emphasizing self-discipline in thoughts, words, and actions. Without it, cracks will occur in the foundation of each child. We are committed to partnering with you to ensure that this important life skill is developed, as self-discipline has been shown by research to affect student achievement, the quality of social relationships, health, future career success, and financial decisions. We also hope to expand opportunities for our children to develop spiritually by being stewards of their faith. It is our aim that our children will continue to develop compassion for each other, their brothers and sisters in Christ; and understand and value the dignity of each human being, thus fostering a strong foundation for believers.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to ensure that every child has access to an education that enriches the mind, heart, and soul. To support your role as the primary caregivers of your child(ren), we aim to improve our communication with you. To that effect, our website will frequently be updated under the "Parents and Students" tab on the "Weekly Updates" page. You may also receive important text message reminders by subscribing to our parent notification system by texting "@17stjos" to 81010. We will continue to share information via e-mails and weekly Monday communication folders. We also invite your involvement in the myriad of opportunities to contribute to the parent-school partnership by being involved in the Home & School Association (HSA) and other opportunities that will be made available throughout the year.

In preparation for the first day of school, I have provided an updated electronic copy of our Parent and Student Handbook for the upcoming school year. This handbook outlines the expectations for all students and parents regarding all aspects of school operation and student behavior- including discipline, attendance, uniforms, and grading practices. We hope that this

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updated version provides you with the information you need to be informed so that you and your child can make better decisions. We appreciate your diligence in reading all school communication and supporting the policies that help to ensure that our students are safe and respected.

The first day of school will be **Tuesday, August 27**. There will be a noon dismissal. We will commence with our First Day of School Assembly in the multipurpose room. Additionally, for your convenience, we will have one Back to School Night for all families on **Thursday, August 22** in the multipurpose room that will provide an overview of the school year, including specific information about each grade level and high school admissions. We will commence with a meeting for new families at 6:15 pm, another meeting at 6:40 for all families, and at 7 pm, we will have different rotations available for families to visit multiple teachers. At 7:25 pm, there will be a specific session for 8th-grade parents on the application process for high schools. The schedule is also attached for your convenience.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer. We eagerly look forward to your return for another outstanding school year.

"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it."

- Proverbs 22:6

Sincerely in Christ,
Dr. Janine Bertolotti