

St. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Janine Bertolotti, Principal

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a delight for me to welcome you to St. Joseph Regional School for the 2019-2020 school year! This year promises to be one of continued growth and flourishing for our school community, and as the new Administrator of St. Joseph Catholic Church, I look forward to getting to know you and your families, as well as working with our dedicated staff and faculty to continue to make St. Joseph's a leader in Catholic education here in the Archdiocese of Washington!

As a proud alum of Catholic Schools from kindergarten through twelfth grade, I am thrilled to serve in a parish with a strong, collaborative, and diverse school community, and I look forward to continuing to build bridges between our school and church communities, as we strive to grow as one parish family. Prior to my assignment at St. Joseph's, I served as the Parochial Vicar at Annunciation Catholic Church in Northwest Washington, DC where I enjoyed getting to know and work with the parish's school community. And ever since I received my new assignment from Archbishop Gregory this summer, I have heard wonderful things about St. Joseph Regional School! I have appreciated getting to meet Dr. Bertolotti and her wonderful team of educators in these weeks leading up to start of the school year, and I am impressed with school's strong collaborative spirit and sense of unity. I look forward to celebrating our school Masses along with Fr. Ayala from St. Nicholas and Fr. Tappe from St. Hugh of Grenoble, our regional parish partners, as well as regularly visiting classrooms and supporting our teachers in carrying out our mission of cooperating with you all-the primary educators of your children-in developing the whole child in our Catholic Christian faith.

At St. Joseph's, we strive to create an environment of prayer, study, work, and play for our students so that they may grow in all areas of their lives and come to a greater sense of God's unconditional love for each of them. All of us are made in God's divine image and likeness, and as we strive to meet the educational needs of our students, we center ourselves on Jesus Christ. He is the reason for our school, and as noted in our Statement of Purpose, He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in all of our classes, the model of our faculty and staff, and inspiration of all our students. May this year be one of profound encounter with Jesus Christ for all of our students, and may we, as one parish family, strive to help our children know of the love God in their lives.

God bless you all, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me this year if I may be of assistance to you. See you at Back to School Night next Thursday, August 22nd!

In Christ,



Rev. Andrew T. Wakefield
Administrator,
St. Joseph Catholic Church