



July 15, 2021

Dear St. Leander School Community,

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your continued support and partnership. Together we have completed one of the most difficult school years, and we have come out of it stronger, smarter and more resilient. Day after day, your children continued to amaze me with their adaptability and their perseverance. Each of them excelled in so many ways this past school year, and you should be very proud of them!

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 school year, we have been diligently planning for the complete return to onsite learning for all of our students at St. Leander. We are so excited to welcome all of you back in the fall and look forward to working with you and your children.

We are very excited to share with you that we updated our technology infrastructure over the Easter Break, and immediately following the close of school, we also installed a new firewall. We have increased our technology capabilities and the speed of our connection. This allows for full technology integration in all classrooms. We have also been working to increase the number of mobile devices we have available for student use in the classroom and are happy to report that we have purchased 10 additional new Chromebooks. We continue to accept donations and fundraise to purchase even more mobile devices in the near future.

We recently held a yard cleanup day at the end of June, and we are thankful to Mr. Schneider and our parent volunteers. They cleaned the big toy and around the big tree on the big school playground. They also cleaned the front yard of the school on Davis Street and planted flowers in all of the planters. We will also be purchasing and planting large plants throughout the front yard. This will be a nice way to refresh and beautify the entryway of our school while being environmentally conscious by choosing landscaping that requires little watering and maintenance. Join us for our next yard cleanup day in August. A Constant Contact message will be sent out with details.

During the summer months, we are doing a full cleaning and sanitizing of both of our school campuses including the shampooing of carpets and waxing of floors. Touch up paint and repairs are being made throughout the school. We are preparing to move back into all of our regular classrooms in the fall.

I am happy to report that our school enrollment for the fall is up by ten percent from last year when enrollment took a significant decline due to the pandemic.

We wanted to share with you that Mrs. Beverly Jitosh, Kindergarten teacher, has decided to retire after thirteen years at St. Leander School and more than thirty years teaching in the

Diocese of Oakland. We thank her and wish her all the best. We look forward to calling on her to substitute for us periodically throughout the year.

We also learned last week that Mrs. Amanda Garcia, who had planned to take over as our new Kindergarten teacher, has decided to resign from St. Leander and will also be moving on this fall. We wish her well.

We are happy to welcome to our staff Ms. Anjelica Tinoco-Templeton as our new P.E. Teacher and Mrs. Tonianne Nemeth as our new SLED Director and part-time Kindergarten Assistant.

We are currently interviewing and finalizing the rest of our staffing for the fall. We look forward to our Welcome Back Open House to meet and greet our new faculty and families.

As most of you know, due to COVID, we did not enroll any new PK or Kindergarten students last year, and our Kindergarten class was very small. We currently have only six First grade students for the fall, so to optimize their learning experience, they will be in a MAC (multi-age classroom) with Second grade students in the fall. This will give them the opportunity to have classmates to collaborate with and allow them to learn from one another. All other classes will be individual grade level classes in the fall.

Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday, August 12th New Parent Orientation 6:00 pm

Friday, August 13th Family Drive-In Movie Night 8:30 pm

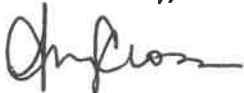
Monday, August 16th Welcome Back Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Tuesday, August 17th First Day of School Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal

Wednesday, August 18th Minimum Day 12:00 Dismissal

We look forward to seeing all of you soon, and we look forward to working with you and your children in the fall. I hope that your remaining weeks of summer are filled with God's many blessings.

Sincerely,



Amy Cross
Principal