



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School

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Dear Parents of SSPP,

Greetings and again welcome back to Saints Peter & Paul School for the 2020/2021 school year. As we begin another school year I do not think anyone would have imagined that our return to school would include facing the current challenges that a pandemic presents. There is no question that the COVID-19 virus has changed how we do things in education. This year will require cooperation and patience on the part of parents, students, and teachers. We have adopted changes in our philosophy and practices in a few short months. We have all worked extremely hard and long hours in training to prepare yet, we all continue to be nervous about many aspects moving forward.

Although teachers prefer to have their students sitting in front of them for the teaching/learning process we are witnessing that learning can also take place anywhere and anytime and still contain the rigor and relationships that can only be developed in the classroom. The changes we will endure this year are to primarily think about what we want our students to know and be able to do, and then design activities, instruction, and assessments that are flexible enough to be used both virtually and in traditional environments. As we have recently learned, this experience will also prepare them for a world that has been transformed by the pandemic allowing for more flexibility, organization, discipline, efficiency and self-motivation.

It goes without saying that the 2020-2021 school year will be filled with many new adventures, uncharted challenges, and lasting memories for both students and faculty. However, our goals and objectives do not change. They, as always, are to provide all individuals the best educational opportunities to learn, advance their skills, and to perform in as normal an environment as possible.

I am confident that we are all ready to move forward and that God is shining His light on each of us. We are prepared for the many challenges of educating our students through this unique time in our lives. If there is one request that I have for this year it is to focus on the positive. Supporting our students, faculty, one another and the entire school community is vital to **EVERYONES** success.

Attached in this packet is our Handbook Agreement form. If you have not reviewed the Parent Handbook (online) please do so and submit this form, along with all signatures, back to school by the end of September.

Another important form for you to complete and send back is the Family Survey. This form gives us parent income information that allows us to seek Government funding that we use in many ways for our students. **All information is strictly confidential.** Please complete and send back to school no later than the end of September.

I am happy to announce that we have stabilized (123 students) our enrollment this year. If the families who were somewhat skeptical would have returned we would most likely have increased our enrollment to 135. It is my hope that they return when the pandemic is behind us. Thank you for entrusting your child/ren with us for this school year. We are most grateful.

Blessings,

Cindy Baldrige

Thank you for all that you do for Catholic education, for your cooperation and support and for promoting our school. It is invaluable to our success!