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Saint Thomas More family:

“Shared Values and Academic Excellence.” I came up with this after considerable reflection on what a Catholic School is and what we expect it to provide.

My name is Mrs. Lynne Lynch, and I am Saint Thomas More’s new Principal. I have been with you for ten years, first as a catechist, and for the past three years, as the Director of Religious Education (DRE), responsible for the spiritual development of approximately 600 students each year. I have been a state certified educator for fourteen years, teaching elementary curriculum in both suburban Chicago and in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. My first Master’s Degree is in Instructional Technology and my second is in Academic Administration. My last administrative position (prior to being DRE) was at a Catholic University, where I ran all aspects of the University’s Graduate Program, so I have a clear understanding that we are building the foundation for future academic excellence, in a competitive high school environment and beyond.

It has been a privilege to meet so many of you over the past several months, during our children’s arrivals and departures, in the student Masses and in special, sometimes impromptu events our parents and supporters have so kindly put together. This will continue, along with my walking the halls, visiting our classrooms, sitting with our children during lunch and recharging with them on the playground. I would like to mention our professional office staff, Maria and Beth, and thank them for coming in during their traditional vacation time, to include nights and weekends, to assist me in preparing for our upcoming school year.

I will spend the next year assessing our programs, weighing the real value of any potential future change, with an eye towards how it affects us as a whole, with consideration for families who have sacrificed greatly to have their children attend. I have reached out to counselors at competitive high schools to assess how our children are doing after they have moved on from us. In working on our schedule for this coming year, I have looked to better match teacher strengths to particular curriculum. I also ask for your assistance and support as we try to reflect the values you would expect in your own home.

The support offered by so many of you, and by benefactors who don’t even have children with us, continues to amaze me. We will begin our year of spiritual and intellectual growth soon, making lifelong memories and friends, and continue to share and grow our values while each day striving to achieve academic excellence, building the foundation for our shared dreams for our children.

May He continue to bless you and yours...

Mrs. Lynne Lynch