

August 2017

Dear Father Andrew White School families,

After what I hope has been a restful and rejuvenating summer for all, I want to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! For those of you who are new to our school community, I want to assure you that you are coming to a wonderful place. Our faculty and staff are passionate, caring, hardworking, and always learning something new for the benefit of your children. We are a collaborative and faith-filled group of people who take learning seriously while also making personal connections that help our students succeed.

Being a part of this school family was something I cherished as the second grade teacher for ten years, and I now feel blessed to have come “home” to take on the new role of principal. This school is where my heart lies, and I consider it the perfect opportunity and place to do the work to which God has called me. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you or reconnecting with you as we engage in the educational process together. I am a strong believer in communication and honesty, and I also consider building strong relationships between home and school one of the key factors in increasing student achievement.

The Home and School Association (HSA) officers are planning our annual Open House to welcome back all new and returning students and families. On Thursday, August 24 at 4:00 pm there will be a Welcome Meeting in the library for all new families that are joining the FAW community this year. While new parents attend the meeting, some of our 8th grade students will be in the Art/Music room to provide childcare for new, younger students. Immediately following the Welcome Meeting, all families are invited to attend the Open House from 5:00-7:00 pm. Take this opportunity to visit your children’s classrooms and/or purchase homework notebooks and bibles in the school office. In addition, the HSA will be hosting a social with refreshments in the gym where used uniforms will be available for families who may need them. Stop by to welcome new families, catch up with friends, and meet the HSA officers.

I would like to welcome the following new faculty and staff members to our community:

Ms. Kristin Buhler – Grade 6, Middle School Language Arts (Literature and English)

Mr. Jereme George – Grade 7, Middle School Math and Social Studies

Mrs. Alison Hinkle – Cafeteria Manager

Please refer to the enclosed August Newsletter for many details that will enable you and your child to get the year off to a great start. If you have any questions about any of the information, please don't hesitate to contact me or the school office.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your dedication and commitment to Father Andrew White School. I am extremely excited about the coming year, and I thank you for entrusting us with your children!

Prayerfully,

Ms. Heather Francisco

*Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.*

~ Helen Keller