



The Parish Community of St. Charles Borromeo

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Dear School Families,

As we quickly approach the end of the '21-'22 school year, we have come upon some changes that ought to be addressed and I'd like to share some exciting news and announce the next principal for our school community.

Before I begin with next steps, I do want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Smith for her hard work and leadership here at St. Charles Borromeo over the last two years. School administration can be daunting even in the best of times, but to assume a leadership role in the midst of a pandemic and guide the community through remote learning, hybrid learning, health and safety protocols, and countless other concerns that come with a school year, we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Smith for all that she's done for us. I'm personally grateful for her steady leadership in what proved to be somewhat turbulent times. While we're going to miss her here at St. Charles, our heartfelt prayers and well wishes go with Mrs. Smith in whatever her next chapter in education consists of.

With all of that said, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Jeffrey Johnson will be our new principal for next year. Please read his biography to help get a sense of him, but at a personal level, I can say confidently that he is a good, faith-filled man who is enthusiastic for Catholic Education and is champing at the bit to join our community. I've worked with him previously in another assignment and excited for him to join us. I'm confident that he's going to be strong leader and wonderful asset to our community moving forward.

I do want to mention just in brief a little bit of the selection process. There were several factors that made doing a full search difficult as I was told by the Superintendent of the Diocese, Dr. Vincent Schmidt. First, there are numerous schools looking for principals this year in the Diocese, 12 out of a total of 27. That's roughly 44%. Second, the timing was condensed, as I was concerned about going into the summer without a principal in place. And so, rather than a full search, there was a more concentrated approach, sometimes referred to as a confirmation or affirmation process. Mr. Johnson was interviewed by the Superintendent for approval. He was also interviewed by a committee of shareholders, some of whom were on the search committee in 2020. Before proceeding with bringing Mr. Johnson on board, I wanted to make sure it would be a good fit. With consensus of the shareholder committee, I feel confident that Mr. Johnson will be a value add to our school community.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Dan