



KENNEDY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

Saint John Paul II Elementary School • Kennedy Catholic Middle / High School

To our beloved administration, faculty students, parents, and our most valued alumni, Priests, parishes, and parishioners:

We hope that you are all as excited and grateful as we are with the appointment of our new President, Mrs. Karen Ionta!

Karen has been a key member of the Board of Directors for the last six months and is truly a blessing to us in every way possible. Her resume speaks for itself, but our intention is for you to get to know her over the next few months and see the extraordinary person she is with a true professionalism and the beautiful heart and the talents she is willing to share with our school community.

Congratulations to the Golden Eagles Girls Basketball team for winning the State Championship at Hershey!!! We are proud of our coaches and athletes and how they represent our Catholic faith and school both on and off the court.

By now, all our current school families have received the tuition and financial assistance information packets. Please feel free to contact the school offices with any questions as we encourage each of you to develop a relationship with the administration so that we can all work together to make Catholic education available to each of your children. This work required many hours of dedication and commitment by several board directors and administrative staff, and we are here to serve you.

One of the incredible accomplishments over the last nine months was raising \$800,000 and this achievement came as the results of determination, dedication, prayer, and financial generosity. The board and administration manage the funds as conservative stewards. Since the money was raised in two specific time frames, we have decided to manage these funds in the same vein. The first \$400,000 was raised within the month of July 2022. This money is supplementing the 2022-2023 school year budget and will help cover the costs of the much-needed roof repairs at the middle/high school building when the school year ends. We have replaced the outdated servers that run administration and technology upgrades to possibly offering engineering, robotics, and 3D printing classes. Also, curriculum enhancements, student instructional requirements, and an alumni outreach software will be implemented.

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The second \$400,000 was raised between August and December 2022. This money is being used to cover 2023-2024 operational expenses for the entire school system as well as scholarships for every student. If you reference our last communication, we pointed out that while the costs to educate each child far exceed the cost of tuition, we still must cover all those costs. Therefore, much of the funds raised will be used toward keeping our tuition as affordable as possible while still rewarding our administration and staff for staying loyal to our student body and also providing them with much needed support. Please know that this too, has happened after countless hours of research and debate and that no money has been or will be spent without this same process of thoughtful and prayerful approach to fiscal responsibility.

The SVCSS Board recognizes the challenges that face our school as well as our Valley with declining population, changing demographics, rising cost of living, etc. and the need for a sustainable short term and long-term strategic planning. Our Board and President Ionta are currently working on these plans and will be sending out surveys and asking parents, students, and administration to participate with your thoughts and ideas and possibly serving on this committee. Catholic education is a gift, and it should always be treated with appreciation and reverence. We appreciate each one of you receiving this letter.

Please continue to pray for our school and all the generous people who support it. Please pray for Bishop Persico and our Priests as they guide us through this Easter Season. God loves you just as you are, he truly does. May this holiday be filled with the Love of Christ.

TODAY IS A NEW DAY!!!!

Christo Servire

Board co-Chairs

Angela Surano & Patrick Zoccole

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