



To our beloved administration, faculty, students, parents, alumni, Priests, parishes, and parishioners; We are off to a fantastic 2023-2024 school year! We are beyond grateful to all of you for all your hard work and dedication toward the academic growth and stability with the continuing re-formation of the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools. To Karen Ionta, Janet Halicki, and Katie Tiefenthal, your guidance and strength has been an inspiration to us all. So, for that, we want to express our gratitude for your continued leadership! Summer was very productive, and many goals were reached. As previously announced, there were structural and technological improvements made. The entire roof of the high school was replaced and completed this summer. The middle / high school, hallways and classrooms were painted, and some new flooring was installed. The transition of administration, teachers, and student body into the new servers and software, "Grade Link", was successful. We are thankful and appreciate the time and talents of the student volunteers from Catholic HEART Work Camp! "Christmas in July" was a huge success, bringing in over \$42,000! We cannot stress our gratitude enough to all of those involved with making that fundraiser happen.

Your current board has been diligently working and has a 20-year strategic plan that has been implemented. We are more than committed to the development and stability of the Kennedy Catholic Family of School. Next year is Kennedy's 60th Anniversary. In honor of this, the Board has a goal of "60 for 60", this means that 60 projects aimed at improving our school system will be completed this year! These goals encompass areas as building and grounds, academics, human

resources, maintenance and many more. The front of the high school has some limestone panels that are detaching, and those will be repaired. There will be a gate installed between John XII Nursing Home and the back parking lot of the high school, this will prevent through traffic and help to ensure the safety and security of our school.

The Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools would not be who we are without our teachers, volunteers, and parents. The newly formed KCFSP TO is also working hard to ensure students are getting supplementary educational experiences and making sure all of our teachers have any resources they need. We want all the families and volunteers to know how much we appreciate all that they do. Their previous and continual support of Catholic education at our school has not gone unnoticed and is vital for our future.

The Board of Directors is in full support of the administrative efforts to incorporate additional college preparatory and college credit classes into the high school curriculum. By doing this, we are providing students with the tools and opportunities to thrive as adults. We encourage students to take advantage of these courses!

The Enrollment Office has been diligently working to ensure sustainable growth and stability. Enrollment is at a positive and the school system has seen an influx of over twenty new students. The Advancement Office is also working hard to ensure community support, engagement, and building our fundraisers. Thank you for your hard work and continued efforts to make sure our school system is successful. The efforts from both offices do not go unnoticed.

We want to thank all the sponsors for Homecoming Weekend, especially, Mr. Steve Lengel. Steve is the owner of Hermitage Agway and is the Diamond Sponsor for the KCFS Homecoming Weekend Events! Homecoming weekend is October 13th-15th. October 13th at 6PM there will be

a bonfire and tailgate in the MS/HS parking lot. Saturday October 14th is the Homecoming Football Game at 12PM vs Maplewood. That same night is the Homecoming dance for the high school students. Sunday October 15th is the KC Color Run and Kennedy Car Classic at the high school! KCFS would love to have all families, alumni, local businesses, and friends join us!

Again, we want to thank all of our families, parishes, parishioners, community leaders, businesses, and individuals, who have all worked together to ensure stability and forthcoming growth for the Catholic education in our community. We are also grateful for Bishop Persico, and the Erie Diocese Catholic School Office. They have provided their continued guidance, training, and direction for our continued growth and success of Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools.

God Bless

Co-chairs

Angela Surano & Patrick Zoccole

TODAY IS A NEW DAY!!!