



## KENNEDY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

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

December 5, 2023

To our administration, faculty students, parents, alumni, priests, and parishioners:

Happy Advent! We thank all of you who supported the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Whether you donated food, funds or your time, it was again a wonderful representation of this beautiful community that we have built at KCFS. The annual Toy Drive is underway now and a new tradition is starting with a Pancake Breakfast that is scheduled for December 17th. We applaud the efforts by the administration and so many supporters who are offering ways for our students to serve and for all of us to come together in fellowship.

We hope that you found the content in last month's letter regarding the Board structure informative. The next committee we are presenting is the **POLICY COMMITTEE**. Chairperson Deanna Yarboro-Brown is in her third year as a Board Director and is a 1984 KCHS graduate. Here is the formal charge which was presented and approved of by the Catholic Schools Office in Erie:

*Purpose:*

To assist the administration in the formulation of policy to guide academic, student, business, development and faith community affairs.

*Responsibilities:*

To review with the system President the annual planning objectives for possible policy implications;  
To research and draft policy language to submit to the Board;  
To consult with legal experts to provide recommendations to drafts of policy and revisions;  
To consult with school administration related to drafts of policy and revisions;  
To call for the evaluation of newly promulgated policy;  
To review annually with the system President all policies for timelines and appropriateness to the school program.

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It is important to note that all school policies are derivatives of those established by the Catholic School Office (CSO) in Erie. Deanna and the Committee work very closely with President Ionta, as well as with the CSO in order to incorporate revised and new policies from the Diocese.

For anyone who was unable to attend the Town Hall in late November, we just want to assure you that our System is in the very best hands under Mrs. Ionta's leadership. Her faith and love for the school community is absolutely sincere and steadfast. During the Town Hall, our Principals, Mrs. Tiefenthal and Mrs. Halicki, shared some fantastic news about improved curriculum and our students' academic excellence. Sister Margaret celebrated the many ways our students serve the community and one another. We had a moving parent testimonial from Mrs. Heather Cline and we had a preview of the upcoming "60 for 60" Campaign from Board Member Nick Cianci that you will all hear about in our January update. We encourage everyone to watch for future Town Halls and make every effort to attend as they are full of uplifting and positive news about our School System.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the #iGIVECATHOLIC Campaign. We respectfully ask that if you haven't already given, please consider doing so now. We hope our winter athletes in girls and boys basketball and bowling enjoy their seasons and continue to make us proud by representing our school with Christian sportsmanship.

Please know that we are fortunate to serve our school community and to support our administration in any way we are able. We humbly ask you to keep the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools in your continued prayers.

Christo Servire,  
KCFS Board of Directors

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