



# Metro Catholic School

## *Empowering Dreams for over 25 Years*

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Dear Friends,

Another school year has begun! Our theme for this year is **Connect, Respect, Protect**. In this theme, we express our understanding that we have a commitment to continue our school's mission in providing an educational program rooted in Roman Catholic tradition that blends learning with faith and faith with life. We also keep in mind our beloved Pope Francis's recent words: "We are not living in an era of change, but a change of an era." So we, the faculty and staff of Metro Catholic, ask ourselves, "How will we impact this new era? How can we best prepare our students for this new era?"

We know and deeply appreciate the fact you have stood right beside us over the past 29 years and we know we can count on you in this new era as we all march forward together hand in hand.

We are excited about these new developments as the new school year launches:

- We continue to have strong enrollment - Our two campuses serve 540 students.
- We co-developed and launched a Math Enrichment program in partnership with Urban Community School. We are also exploring how we can collaborate in sports and art programming in the future as well.
- We welcome back our Green Coordinator, Hannah Sullivan, who will continue to develop our gardens and sustainability programs.
- Our Board welcomes a new member, Mr. Mike Mullee. Mike is a CPA and shareholder at Maloney & Novotny.
- Thanks to a diocesan *Rooted in Faith* Grant and a generous donation from the O'Neill Brothers Foundation, we were able to renovate another bathroom in the Stephen Building.
- Through the generous memorial donations provided by family and friends of our beloved Maria Bastulli, we announce the *Jane Andrews ~ Maria Bastulli Fine Arts Grant Fund* to honor their support of creativity in the arts.

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- Harrington Electric, First Energy and a generous grant from the Office of Catechetical Formation and Education (OCFE) have enabled us to upgrade to efficient lighting in all three of our buildings. OCFE also provided funds for all brick tuck pointing needed at our Stephen and Michael buildings.

- Incentive Awards – a new donor sponsorship program is available now for our annual awards given in Honors, Perfect Attendance, Effort, and Fine Arts. (See the enclosed Wish List). The Honors Assembly in May celebrates many accomplishments!

- We have begun recruiting young professional volunteers between the ages of 25-35 to help add to the diversity and energy of our plans and executions moving forward.

We invite you to once again support our students with your interest and gifts. Our “Wish List” is enclosed. Always, we are grateful for your generosity.

Finally, we share that Sr. Carol Brandt has transitioned her Advancement Office duties to Mr. Joe Prada, our new Advancement Director. We thank Sr. Carol for her many contributions over the years and welcome Joe to our family. Joe had a 37-year career in the business world, is married to Angela for 36 years, has 3 children, 2 son-in-laws and a beautiful granddaughter. Joe is anxious to meet you and wants all to know you are welcome to call or come for a visit any time.

Sincerely,

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