

July 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Families of St. Joseph the Protector School,

I am excited to write to you as Interim Principal for StJP. I want to thank you for the kind words of encouragement and support I have received since accepting this interim role. It reinforces what we've already known about the wonderful families with whom we share this community. Thank you!

While we often see each other in the schoolyard or at the fields, I wanted you to know more about my professional qualifications. I earned my Masters of Arts degree in Education, with dual Certification in General Education K-6 and Special Education K-12 from LaSalle University. Before entering the classroom, I served as Director of Institutional Advancement at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School. My first few years as a classroom teacher were in the School District of Philadelphia. Following that, I worked for 10 years in Central Bucks School District in both regular education and special education classrooms. While in CBSD, I was appointed to the Principal's Advisory Committee and served as the Special Education Facilitator. During these past two years, my role at StJP was to create and implement an Instructional Support Team. This experience, in particular, has allowed me to see all facets of the school. I believe that the breadth and depth of my experience in education, being a parent of four StJP students, and my interaction with StJP faculty and staff provide me with the necessary foundation from which to help the school prepare for a full time Principal.

As indicated in my previous communication, we are currently preparing for a school meeting later this summer. In the meantime, I am working to share updates with our families according to the following schedule:

- Thursday, July 6 - School Calendar
- Thursday, July 13 - Principal Search
- Thursday, July 20 - Academics, Enrollment, Staffing
- Thursday, July 27 - Discipline

I will be working through the summer months, so please feel free to contact me via phone ([215-884-0843](tel:215-884-0843)) or email (principal@stjpschool.org) if you would like to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to St. Joseph the Protector School.

Sincerely,
Alicia Farren
Interim Principal