

A NOTE FROM MRS. SCHMITZ

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Hello there!

I know summer isn't quite over yet, but I wanted to let you know how excited I am for this year to start! This will be my second year at St. George School and my 16th year teaching. I have a lot of experience during that time – teaching science and math to over 1,500 students – but the most important students to me are the ones that I have this year. So... you!

Whether this is your first year with me or your second, you should know that my goal isn't just to help you “be good” at math, or “do fun stuff” in science (although those things are in the plans 😊). Ultimately, my plan is to help you learn how to navigate in your world and be prepared for whatever comes your way. Yes, in math and science, but also in your faith and understanding in the teachings of the Catholic church.

As David says in Psalm 139, verse 14, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” I think it is sometimes difficult to see God's work in Junior High, both from the perspective of you, the student, and as a Junior High parent. Everything happening is BIG – emotions, friendships, learning. It can sometimes be overwhelming for everyone involved. However, I wanted to take the time to let you know that you are capable of many great things. You are, in fact, a wonderful reflection of God, who is worthy of honor and praise.

As a teacher, it is my job to help uncover and remind you of that role you fill. I would like to let you know that while we are about to start the season of “new” – new friends, new knowledge, maybe even new expectations – that God has formed each of us with special care. He already knows what this year looks like, and it is up to us to trust His will. I am ready for a great year with you and I hope you're ready too!

Christ-centered and faith-directed -

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