

May 21, 2021

Dear School Parents:

It seems like ages, yet it has only been four weeks since I first wrote to you, on April 23, with the information that Kristen Fink would conclude her tenure at Sacred Heart School at the end of June. Since that time, we have been busy interviewing candidates for the position of principal.

I am very happy to report to you that our search has concluded. Our new principal will be Margaret Webb. Her letter to you is being sent along with this one.

The search committee agrees that Margaret will be a great fit for us and for our school. Margaret is currently finishing as principal of Holy Spirit Catholic School in San Antonio, Texas. Her time as principal there, like that of Kristen's here will end on June 30. Margaret will then begin driving north to take up duties at Sacred Heart. There will undoubtedly be a short period of time as Margaret settles into her new living situation before she can be found in the Sacred Heart offices. In that time frame, our current assistant principal, Jennifer Sullivan, will bridge the gap. Meanwhile, Kristen, Margaret and the school leadership team are already working to assure a smooth transition.

My profound thanks to the 16 members of the multiple first round interview teams and the School Board members who made up the second round interview team. Their work was absolutely stellar. There were quite a few times in the last month when we went late into the evening with our discussions. I am sure they would agree with me that it was worth it.

I am so excited! Margaret brings a wealth of experience with her, and we will benefit because of it. Margaret's leadership combined with our school's strong foundation, its dedicated staff and committed parents, positions us to go to the next level of excellence in education and youthful discipleship in Christ!

Sincerely,

Rev. Steven M. Lanza

Pastor

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STATEMENT FROM OUR INCOMING NEW PRINCIPAL May 21, 2021



Greetings to the Community of Sacred Heart School and the Parish of Divine Mercy!

It is with great joy that I accept the opportunity to serve as Principal of Sacred Heart School of Divine Mercy Parish. I am excited and look forward to getting to know the children and the community, as well as working with the teachers and staff.

As a "seasoned" principal with a wealth of energy, experiences, and a love for children, I am anxious to learn new things and share my knowledge and skills with Sacred Heart. I believe that many minds sharing ideas and learning together is what creates an environment for excellence.

A little bit about me. My husband and I were married for 47 years. He recently was called home to God and is now my special angel who helps me daily. We have four happily married adult children and nine grandchildren ranging in age from eighteen years down to one-year-old. They all live in the Libertyville and Antioch area where I am returning from Texas to live in proximity to my family.

For the past nine years I have been the Principal of Holy Spirit Catholic School in San Antonio, Texas, which is a school of about 400 students and a staff of 68. Prior to this, I worked as administrator for six years in public schools, both in Texas and Illinois, and 20 more years in the Archdiocese of Chicago as an Administrator in schools throughout Lake County.

I am anxious to get moved and settle into this new adventure that God has planned for me and to meet all of you.

Most Sincerely,

Margaret Webb