



August 2019

Dear Parents and families,

*“And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.”*  
– Meister Eckhart

In the education world, we are fortunate to start over again each September! The fresh beginnings offered by the first day of school for new friends, new lessons, and exciting new adventures all provide important opportunities for us to grow and to become our best selves. At St. Peter Academy, we have undoubtedly embraced everything new this summer and now find ourselves moving confidently into the future with great sense of anticipation and trust in the magic of beginnings.

As we embark on another academic year, I am thrilled to be appointed the next Principal of St. Peter Academy. I look forward to working with our children and parents, along with our dedicated faculty, staff, and school board, to advance the mission of a very special community. I am also pleased to welcome **Ms. Katie Karalexis** to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team, along with **Ms. Kathryn Sayre** to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade levels. These enthusiastic educators join our Academy with a wealth of knowledge and experience that is complemented by their passion for creating a dynamic learning environment and memorable lessons for every student. I am especially grateful to the committed team of individuals who have been working tirelessly to prepare our campus for the first day of classes; we are fortunate to have a brand-new faculty room that our educators can enjoy for lunch and lesson planning – in addition to many bright spaces that have been freshly painted and thoroughly cleaned for the 2019-2020 year.

While you finish your own preparations for school at home, please take note of the following important dates:

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Labor Day – No School / Toddler Program Closed

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** First Day of Classes (Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6)

Toddler Program Re-Opens / Extended Day Program Begins

**Weds., September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee with the Principal: 7:45 – 9 AM:

Stop in on your way to work for conversations with me and other parents,  
while enjoying a cup of coffee – *or two!*

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Curriculum Night & “Meet the Teachers” at 6 PM

Please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office if you have any questions in the coming days. I am looking forward to meeting our students and parents as we embark on another exciting year in the rich history of a school that so many families have valued for over six decades. Until then, enjoy these fleeting summer days!

Sincerely,

**Mr. Frank Galligan, Ed.M.**

Principal