

Reach for the Heights – “Verso l’alto!”
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Dear Frassati Family and Friends,

As we embark on the 2018-2019 school year, I want to reflect on the work that our staff has done this spring and summer to continue our growth model and ensure we are providing a quality academy experience for students and staff.

As we continue to grow and develop our Frassati family, we are often asked what makes us an Academy. This summer that question was posed to staff and the answers were very similar; discipline, faith, spirituality, academics, safety and security. In order to achieve these standards, our staff team has been working diligently this spring and summer to update policies and procedures to make sure we are achieving our goals.

Discipline: In 2018, we implemented the Bee-Attitudes positive behavior program for our pre-school through fifth grade students. With a few small modifications to strengthen the ties to each of the individual Beatitudes, we will continue to implement the Bee-Attitudes program for our pre-school through fifth graders. For our junior high students, we will be providing students, parents and teachers with an Eagle Etiquette matrix for students to have unified expectations in all areas. This will provide for more consistent discipline and student behavior expectations.

Faith and Spirituality: At the core of everything we do, our Catholic faith provides the guiding light. Our staff have begun to work in committees to help develop faith and spirituality lessons and faith-focused events for our students. You will notice on the updated school calendar, prayer services, rosary, adoration and vocation events have been added for next year. We have also invested in a new textbook for students in second grade who will be receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Academics: We are in our five-year cycle of curriculum alignment. For the fall of 2018 we will be introducing a new Science curriculum. There will be samples available at our back to school event in August for families to preview. We are continuing to review innovative educational initiatives. In the fall of 2018 we are also extending our one-to-one Chromebook program to include students in 4th and 5th grades. This will continue to develop their technology and presentation skills.

Safety and Security: In late spring our staff were trained under the ALICE program. During the 2018-2019 school year we will be continuing our training and we will be teaching and training students. This process is very different from the mindset and teaching of the traditional lockdown drills that have been taught in schools for decades. This training is asking for staff members to make split second decisions to help save the lives of students; this may be through shelter in place or it may be through evacuation. We will be holding parent meetings in the fall to provide an overview of our plans prior to training and practicing with our students.

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There will be additional updates and information provided in the coming weeks and at the start of the school year about our continued growth initiatives.

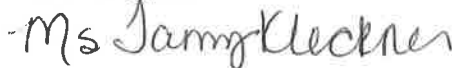
In addition to ensuring we are living up to our Academy status we have had some staffing and academic changes that will take place for the 2018-2019 school year.

Staffing: We would like to again welcome Mr. Eric Hunt as Frassati Catholic Academy's Assistant Principal. Eric comes to us from St. Peter and Paul in Cary where he taught and served as the Assistant Principal. We also are extremely excited to have Mr. Brad Suhling join our full-time teaching staff as the fifth-grade teacher at the Mundelein Campus. Along with these hires, we have transitioned Mrs. Susan Sidlowski from Pre-School at Mundelein to 4th grade at Wauconda. Mrs. Sidlowski has worked on both campuses at various grade levels over the past number of years. We are still in the process of interviewing and hiring for Spanish, and the Administrative Assistant role at Wauconda.

Academic Alignment: In continuing to align with best practices of the Archdiocese we have adjusted our technology classes to focus on students in Kindergarten-third grade and have integrated technology for fourth and fifth grade into their classrooms. Students will be learning and creating using the Google Suite at the same time they are developing the technical skills that go along with it. This will provide for a more cohesive learning experience as students will be making on the spot applications with the technology. Along with this alignment, we have also adjusted our library schedule. In the past our library time has included a story and book check-out. We will continue to visit the library with our classes and check out books on a regular basis. Our classroom teachers will help us to better utilize the library for project research and character and story element development by aligning library visits with the classroom curriculum.

We are looking forward to a great year at Frassati Catholic Academy. Thank you for your continued support and growth of our school community.

Yours in Christ



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