

June 25, 2021

Dear St. John School and Parish Communities,

After many wonderful years at St. John School, I have made the decision to retire from the Archdiocese of Hartford effective August 1, 2021. This decision was not easy due to my deep love for and commitment to St. John School, its students, families, staff, alumni, the Archdiocese, and the greater community that supports our mission. Cheering on our Eagle sports teams, watching our Outdoor Classroom come to life, line dancing at Spirit Day, building new academic and extracurricular programs, and watching our students grow into mature, faithful, and intelligent young adults ready to take on the world are just some of my most cherished memories here. Seeing my own children, and the impact that St. John School has had on their lives and our lives as a family, has truly shown me the importance of a Catholic education.

I consider myself extremely blessed to have served as an educator in such a vibrant and supportive community where education is valued as a top priority by students, teachers and parents alike. I am also blessed to have been a colleague to such an extraordinary faculty and staff who consistently delivered excellence as we explored new ideas and opportunities to grow our school. I am humbled by the fact that parents have entrusted a portion of their child's education with me. The volunteer spirit of the parent and guardian community here is inspiring, and my hope is that it continues to flourish. Teaching and working at St. John School has been a highlight of my career. I will always cherish our caring, loving and exceptional school community.

Thank you for your steadfast support. I am deeply grateful to our School Board for their leadership, mentorship, and vision. I am humbled by our donors. Because of their support and commitment to Catholic education, we have been able to impact so many lives, and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with them.

My passion for teaching and love for students have not wavered. With luck, I hope to secure a role that uses my unique skills as an educator and business person to work for the benefit of others. Please know that my dedication and commitment to St. John's will continue as the school transitions to new leadership.

To all the students, I will miss you very much. Your curiosity, humor, and amazing talents inspired me each and every day. You are the "why" in all that I do.

Thank you all for your encouragement, support and trust. I am confident that St. John School will continue to flourish in the years to come.

Eagles Soar!

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