



Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2016

Hello Parents and Students,

What a great start to a school year! When the first bell of the year rung, I walked around the hallways, looked into classrooms, helped a few lost freshmen, spoke with a few seniors about where they wanted to go to college, and joined a few in the chapel for a prayer. All in all, a great start indeed!

When I think about the school year and the promise that it always holds, I cannot help but reflect upon the goal, the reason for us being here. In a statement given last September, Pope Francis said, "Charity is born of the call of a God who continues to knock on our door, the door of all people, to invite us to love, to compassion, to service of one another. Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives." This year, I will challenge our students to think about Jesus knocking at their door, sending them a text or a snapchat, and the message that He has for them.

We have many events coming up in September where we will be invited to serve one another as a school community. Back-to-School Night as well as the Senior Parent Meeting will give us a chance to get to know one another and further discover the programs and initiatives that your daughter will experience in her coursework. We will host a Grandparents' Day Dinner so that our students can express their appreciation and gratitude towards their grandparents. Finally, we will have our first Pep Rally, send off our first Kairos group of the year, and host an NHS prayer service.

Academically, we are preparing for our AdvancED visit during our regularly scheduled accreditation process, as we review our current course offerings to ensure that we offer the best possible courses that prepare our students for college and life after Resurrection. We are further exploring our STEM and STREAM program design as well as exploring several options for study abroad experiences. All in all, a great month ahead!

As always, I look forward to meeting and partnering with you as we journey together. Please introduce yourself to me at any upcoming school event or feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great September!

In Charity and Truth,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Piwowarski'.

Mr. Rick Piwowarski
Principal