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RE: Important Update: Welcoming New Officers to Our School

Dear Families of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School,

I want to take this moment to thank Deputy Raymond Shaw for his service to our school. Deputy Shaw served us from Montgomery County Constable's Office Precinct 3 and has done a wonderful job for our community. However, Montgomery County requires the school to cover the full cost of salary (even when school is not in session), benefits, pension, vehicle expenses, uniforms, and more. Additionally, service is limited to 8 hours per day.

To be good stewards of the generous contributions of our families, we are transitioning to a partnership with the Houston Police Department (HPD), which also works with other Archdiocesan schools. This new arrangement allows us to hire active-duty officers on their days off, paying only their daily rate, without incurring additional costs. These savings will be redirected to further improve security on our campus. When needed, we can also extend the hours which was something we could not do before. We are thrilled to have this chance to improve and expand security for our students, staff and families.

Starting Monday, our officers will be provided by HPD. We are excited to welcome these highly commended officers into our school community. We will have four officers in rotation, ensuring familiarity with our campus and a consistent presence. Our rotation will be as follows:

- Monday Officer Michael Daus
- Tuesday Officer Cecelia Monreal
- Wednesday Officer Mac Norris
- Thursday/Friday Officer Eric Dominguez

We wish Deputy Shaw the best in his future endeavors and warmly welcome our new officers to the Dolphin family!

Only by His Grace,

Veronica Tucker Principal