

Dear St. Rose Families,

Summer Greetings! I sincerely trust that this letter finds each member of our SRS family enjoying the final days of summer vacation; and anxiously looking forward to launching the 2019-2020 school year! We have been busy preparing classrooms, and hallways to welcome our students on August 28<sup>th</sup>! They will find many new additions, throughout our hallways, to remind them that we believe that they can achieve great things every day; and sometimes that is as simple as “being the reason someone smiles” that day!

We continue to work on creating a positive school climate and providing an enriched experience for each of our students. Policies and procedures have been updated based on experience and feedback from the previous year; schedules have been expanded to include extra P.E. for our older students and all classes will be making visits to our new Innovation Lab! Under wraps, and in progress, is a new Makerspace in our primary hallway; to be unveiled during the first quarter! Our after school activity choices continue to increase; and we look forward to sharing these with our students. While we continue to make KINDNESS a priority in our day, our new theme and focus for the year is TRUSTWORTHINESS!

Developing our students through involvement, leadership, and service is being fostered by new programs that we will be putting into place for the school year. I am excited this year to bring together our Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and NJHS as our SRS Student Leadership Team! We will start working with members from the 2018-2019 school year; and grow with invitations and elections to expand our membership in the 2019-2020 school year! This leadership team, will be more actively involved in our school day. They will drive our service and community spirit efforts; working with their peers, and giving voice to the student body as they become an integral part of the decisions about future programs and other initiatives in our school.

There is growing research demonstrating that students perform better academically, socially, and emotionally when they are meaningfully engaged, contributing members of a school. As adults, we often think we are the architects of a school’s culture, but we sometimes underestimate the influence and impact our students have on their school community; especially when they are trusted and involved in school climate improvement efforts.

To support our students in becoming active members of our school, so that they may positively impact our school environment, we must look at the contributions of all students. So in addition to the opportunities that will be made available to our middle schoolers; our intermediate grades and yes, even our youngest community members, will be given the chance to take their place in leading our school efforts!

A new school year brings with it, many possibilities; I look forward to working with our students this year, and all that is ahead of us!

Enjoy your final days of summer—A New Year Awaits You!

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. B

***“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”***

*John Quincy Adams*