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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

As we enter the second half of the trimester, I want to recenter our focus on the partnership between parents/guardians and educators for our children. A friend recently shared a quote that stuck out to me, both as a parent and an educator: *“Are we preparing our children for the road ahead or are we preparing the road for our children?”* As parents, guardians and educators, our natural instinct is to protect our kids and students from difficulty, failure and disappointments. However, it is these mistakes, setbacks and struggles that provide us our greatest opportunity to learn, grow and witness the strength God has given to us all.

Our goal at St. Joseph Catholic School is to work in partnership with parents and guardians to provide a safe and supportive environment as we prepare students for the road ahead. We work to provide children with the tools and confidence to learn through failure, to grow despite setbacks and to persevere through difficulty and struggle. Our gut reaction is often to jump in and help when we see children struggling, but clearing the obstacles from the road does not prepare kids for the journey of life. Through academic challenges, disagreements with others and opportunities to make responsible, smart choices, students will be better prepared for a successful future. It is our job to use these opportunities as we guide children through life's twists and turns with self-confidence and wisdom.

I look forward to continuing this partnership with families throughout the year and being witness to the growth we see each and every day from our students. I hope to see many of you at tonight's Focus Group and Trunk or Treat on Saturday!

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