

## **OCTOBER UPDATE FROM SJA'S PRINCIPAL CRAIG SCANLON...**

Please take a moment to visit the school's new website [www.saintjoanofarc.net/school](http://www.saintjoanofarc.net/school) to see all the great things occurring and to help spread the word to prospective families.

- We welcomed 38 preschool and junior kindergarten students for their first day on Monday, August 28. Many of these families are new to the St. Joan of Arc community. We are a small but a mighty school with an enrollment of over 200 students in preschool through 8th grade and looking to continue our enrollment efforts throughout the year.
- Our staff is growing! We welcome Mrs. Shantil Clesen who is serving as our school social worker and Mrs. Katie Flowers who is our Learning Specialist. These are two new positions at SJA supporting our students socially, emotionally, and academically in order to reach their full potential.
- Also new to our staff are Ms. Peters (2nd grade), Mr. Jost (5th grade), Ms. Lisinski (5th grade), Ms. Martelli (MS LA/SS), Ms. Ineson (MS Math), and Ms. Jarosz (Music).
- SJA students are learning philanthropy and helping others in need. They raised \$588 for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The dollars were used to help two Texas classrooms by purchasing a new large rug for one classroom and replacement tools for another school's vocational classes. Students' efforts made a big impact on other children who were experiencing a difficult time. Not only did they help classrooms get back up and running, they gave them hope!
- Students also raised \$34,000 in pledges through the Boosterthon Fun Run for SJA School. **We thank the alumni who donated.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we continue to make the school a wonderful place to learn and grow. Since we reached our \$25,000 goal, the students earned a Color Run. The students had a great time and really enjoyed the event.
- We recently had an all-school assembly that highlighted our September character trait which is KINDNESS – from the students: sharing an extra birthday doughnut with a friend who was upset, sitting and playing with a friend who was lonely at recess, including classmates in a dance party, unstacking everyone's chairs without being asked, helping a friend pack up, sharing a crayon with a friend who didn't have that color, picking up trash around the playground without being asked.