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Dear STEM Academy Parents and Guardians,

Greetings in Christ!

As we begin a new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families. We are excited to accompany your children as they continue to grow up in faith and prepare for important milestones in their spiritual journey.

For students preparing to receive First Holy Communion, please note that sacramental preparation will take place through their school program, and the students will remain with Ms. Emeline Russell, our second-grade teacher, for their preparation. The First Reconciliation and First Communion Mass will take place at the Main Campus toward the end of the year.

For students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we ask that families register with Pope St. John XXIII Parish, https://www.psj23.org/forms; that we can properly enroll candidates in our parish sacramental preparation program. Registration helps us communicate important dates, requirements, and opportunities for formation throughout the year.

The sacraments are sacred gifts from God and important moments in the life of every Catholic. We encourage parents to take an active role in their child's preparation through prayer, participation at Sunday Mass, and ongoing conversations about faith at home.

If you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation or parish registration, please do not hesitate to contact our Parish Office or Sr. Theresa at sotheresa2022@psj23.org.
Thank you for entrusting us with your children's faith formation. We look forward to journeying with your family throughout this special year.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Sincerely,

Sr. Theresa Nguyen
Director of Pastoral Ministry
Pope St. John XXIII Parish Family