

# St. Francis de Sales High School



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Dear St. Francis de Sales community,

I write to you today to recognize the progress that has been made with the new educational model at St. Francis de Sales High School, and to present the “next steps” we will be taking to realize the vision. Most fundamentally, we have seen a new model of interactive and engaging project-based and blended learning, a model which is paying dividends in student engagement and learning. We have seen a new organizational structure in the school along with a new schedule, new gatherings for students, new resources to meet their educational needs, and the introduction of Chromebook computing devices into the classroom. We have also seen a new leadership design, with our administrative team working together to meet the needs of students and the community.

At this time we are ready to introduce the next phase of the model, a refinement to the day-to-day leadership in the school’s academic operation. Janet Cobb, Executive Director, will continue to work closely with the team in advancement, marketing, and recruitment, and also begin to spend more time cultivating relationships with alums, donors and companies. With Mrs. Cobb’s focus on enhancing fiscal vitality, we are excited to introduce Patrick Lee as the new *Administrative Team Leader* for the school. Mr. Lee will collaborate with and guide the Administrative Team to meet the daily operational needs of the school, with primary focus on meeting the needs of students, faculty and staff. Specifically, Mr. Lee will oversee and collaborate with the Director of Guidance, Director of Student Services, and Director of Academics; Ms. Cobb will continue to oversee Director of Facilities / Finance, Director of Community Relations, and Director of Informational Technology.

Mr. Lee will work closely with Ms. Cobb to continue realizing the vision embarked upon last Spring. We are very fortunate to have found such a talented individual for this new position, as Mr. Lee brings many years of experience as a team leader in both public and private schools throughout the state, and we believe he is a tremendous fit for this new position and our community.

We hope you will help us welcome Mr. Lee to the St. Francis de Sales High School community beginning on December 1, 2014 and continuing throughout this school year.

We look forward to the successes that this next exciting phase will bring to the students, faculty, parents, and community of St. Francis de Sales High School.

Prayers and blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Marie Yonkus".

Jo Marie Yonkus

Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools