## St. Francis de Saies High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this letter to you, the families of St. Francis de Sales High School.

I have been blessed to have many wonderful years in Catholic education. I have met fascinating people to whom I owe a great deal and have had invaluable learning experiences.

Education begins with forming character. As a father of four, I can personally attest to the challenges which our young people face today. Our world desperately needs young leaders who live with authentic joy and profound courage. With the precepts of the Church as our guide, we will foster these virtues in our classrooms, our hallways, and in our community.

For 75 years, St. Francis de Sales High School has been a beacon of light in the Eastside neighborhood, offering an outstanding Catholic education, hallmarked by excellent academics and a spirit of service. Recent years have seen some successes and some challenges. Together we will celebrate the successes and overcome those challenges. From our academic offerings, to our athletic programs, to something as simple as our school uniforms, we are always working to strengthen our school.

I am looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming acclimated to the community. Beginning on July 1st, I will be in the office daily. I welcome you to stop in so we can meet one another. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to return to Chicago and serve you. Please pray for me, as I will pray for you.

Respectfully.

John Kimec Principal

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord; plans for your welfare and not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope."