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Dear new applicant,

Hello and a warm welcome to our new parents! As Parent Participation Coordinator for the 2021-2022 School year, I would like to briefly introduce the Parent Participation Program to you and to heartily encourage you to consider taking an active role in contributing to the education of your child at St. Patrick's School. The Parent Participation Program consists of a variety of assignments, which parents are expected to sign up for over the course of the year, in order to help with the operation of the school. It is the hope of the leadership team at the school, that as many parents as possible contribute in this way, as it has historically contributed greatly to building community among attending families. If parents choose not to participate, they must pay a monthly fee of \$125.00 to offset their lack of contribution to the program.

Please understand that this is not a volunteer program; the assignment that you will be selected to fill is essential to the operation of the school, and participants are expected to fulfill their duties in a timely and reliable fashion. Failure to fulfill assignments for a given month will result in the participant having to pay dues instead.

During this past year there has been considerable re-vamping of the program due to the Covid19 pandemic. For those who have already been involved in the program during this tumultuous past year, I thank you for your patience, flexibility and understanding, and hope that things will slowly return to normal over the next year or so. For those entering the program or signing up again, please keep in mind that the future is still very much uncertain, and none of us know what assignments will be back on the table for this upcoming school year. As a result, I have left the sign-up sheet unchanged and I simply ask that you focus more on specifying what time slots are available to you rather than the particular assignment that you want to be involved in. Again, thank you for your continued understanding in this matter. Parents that are interested in participating are asked to fill out the sign-up sheet included in this package, indicating their availability and their preference for specific activities. Once these sheets have been handed in, I will place each family

within the program according to school needs, availability, seniority and preference. While efforts will be made to accommodate difficult schedules and preferences, please understand that this will not be possible in every circumstance.

The particulars of the program are laid out on page 15 of the application package. If after reading the description you still have any questions, I am happy to respond to them by email.

All the best to you and your newly enrolled students in this upcoming academic year!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe".

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