



July 19, 2024

Dear Families,

We pray that this message finds you well. We are writing to provide an important update regarding the leadership of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School (SJA).

Ms. Dianne Kestler will no longer be serving as the principal of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. We express our sincere gratitude for Ms. Kestler's dedicated service to our school and extend our heartfelt prayers and best wishes to her.

Ms. Kestler brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for Catholic education to the St. Joan of Arc community. During her tenure as principal, Ms. Kestler made significant contributions to our school. Her leadership was instrumental in bolstering school spirit, which led to a steady increase in enrollment. She also oversaw the construction and opening of the new Chapel and Parish Life Center. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on our school community and have positioned us for a successful future.

Mr. Greg Komondor, Associate Superintendent for the Department of Catholic Schools, will serve as the acting principal of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School effective immediately. We are beginning the search for the next principal today. As part of the selection process, you will have the opportunity to offer your input through a survey that will be emailed to you. Your feedback will help us create a profile for the next leader of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.

We want to assure you that we are here to support St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. Our goal is to prepare for a great 2024-25 school year and beyond for each student, family, and faculty/staff member.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School and of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Francis".

Reverend Francis M. Ouma, Pastor
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna W. Hargens".

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent
Archdiocese of Baltimore