

September 26, 2019

Dear St. John's Community,

On behalf of my colleagues on the School Committee, I'd like to welcome you back to St. John's. Whether you are a returning family, new to the School, or a member of our amazing faculty and staff, I hope you have shared the same sense of pride and optimism while watching the campus come alive these past several weeks.

We are thrilled to welcome into the Cardinal family our new Head of School, Patrick McHonett, along with his wife Jessica, and their children, Charlotte and Jack. St. John's is fortunate to have this dynamic and thoughtful headmaster on campus as we begin a new chapter at the School. We are certain to benefit from his leadership for years to come.

Patrick has joined St. John's at a unique moment of opportunity and growth. Our School is continuing to build its enrollment and we have again opened this school year with more students than the previous year. The growth of the School, combined with the generosity of the community and focused financial planning, has strengthened our ability to deliver on our <u>School's Mission</u>. The future of St. John's remains very bright.

As we build on our traditions and our strong foundation, it is the responsibility of the School Committee to set long-term goals for St. John's, including the development of strategic plans. At this time, we are pleased to provide you with an update from our <u>strategic plan</u> for the 2016-2019 school years. This report contains our long-term vision and goals for pillars of success: Episcopal Identity, Curriculum, Technology, Co-Curriculum, Admissions, Finance, Advancement, Organizational Development, and Facilities. Please take a few minutes to review the summary and reflect on our accomplishments and the devoted efforts of so many.

Additionally, the School Committee has been active in planning for the future of St. John's. Developed in partnership with the School's administration and taking into account your feedback, we are pleased to announce the implementation of our new strategic plan that sets our direction and priorities through 2021. This information is currently available for your review on our <u>website</u>. A long-term plan will be released at the end of the 2021 school year, which will allow the School's administration the opportunity to assess planning and direction after the first two years of Patrick's tenure.

You should expect similar, frequent updates from the School on our progress with regards to the new strategic plan. If you have any questions or additional feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of my colleagues on the <u>School Committee</u>. Finally, we encourage you to join us at the State of the School event to be held on campus in January.

I want to wish you all a happy and successful school year! Thank you for your support of St. John's.

With gratitude,

Bill Hageman, Chair, St. John's School Committee