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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we start the 2019-2020 school year at St. Joseph High School we would like to welcome everyone back for another exciting year. A special welcome to all of the new families and all of you who have returned for another year! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! With a new school year brings much excitement and anticipation. This year we anticipate a student enrollment of 730, which works out to an increase of 40 students from last year. Along with this student growth, we have hired some new teaching staff. Joining us this year are Mr. Noah Shankowski (Math/Physics), Mr. Curtis Hegge (CTS/ELT), Ms. Kristian McGeachy (English), Mr. Myles Smith (K/E/Science) and Mr. Tristan Gamez (Chaplain/Religion).

A celebration for us over the summer was our schools' Accountability Results. Each year, Alberta Education provides us with data on how we are doing as a school. The snapshot below shows some of the amazing work our staff and students contribute to on a daily basis.

Measure Category	Measure	St. Joseph High School			Alberta			Achievement
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	92.0	90.2	90.2	89.0	89.0	89.3	Very High
	Program of Studies	84.7	77.1	77.1	82.2	81.8	81.9	Very High
	Education Quality	91.5	87.0	87.0	90.2	90.0	90.1	Very High
Student Learning Opportunities								

With the start of the new school year, below are some important dates to be aware of.

- First Day of School – Grade 10 – Tuesday September 3
- First Day of School – All Students – Wednesday September 4
- Volleyball Tryouts – Jr/Sr – Wednesday September 4
- Meet the Staff – 6:30 pm – Wednesday September 11

One question we get frequently from parents is communication. There are a number of ways we will communicate. Our website (<https://www.stjosephhigh.ca>) contains calendars, school information and is updated regularly. We also will send out a week at a glance through PowerAnnounce weekly and the monitors in the school contain all important information for students.

As we continue to work toward building our special and blessed community, we want your child to be happy and successful at St. Joseph High School and believe you play a key role. We encourage you to show interest in your child's schoolwork and support the various school activities. Our doors are always open; please do not hesitate to drop by if you have any comments or concerns. God bless you and have a great school year.

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