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A Letter of Welcome and Introduction

Dear Parents, Students, and Faculty of Trinity Academy,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your summer is being filled with relaxation, excitement, prayer, and most importantly, family time! It is an honor and blessing to have assumed the role of principal at Trinity Academy as of August 8. I'm thrilled to be a part of your wonderful school and parish community. Though I've only been here a short time, the feeling I get as I walk the halls is one of community, pride, and tradition. I can only imagine how the school will come to life with all of your smiling faces. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to say hello and introduce myself.

My involvement in Catholic Education for the last 20 years has not only given me the opportunity to teach, serve and lead the students with whom I have come in contact, but it has given me the chance to grow spiritually and share my faith. Within the Archdiocese of Newark, my teaching experiences range primarily from Grade 3 through Grade 5 in all content areas although I have been active throughout the school in various ways allowing me to get to know the whole school community and families. I have also been involved with Middle States re-accreditations, Local Safe Environment Coordinator and an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for school liturgies.

Early on in my teaching career, it became quite apparent that a Catholic school environment was where I was called to serve and where I was meant to be. As time passed, I wished to further my own education by eventually stepping into a leadership role which led to my earning my masters in administration at Seton

family to continue our mission for the development for each child's spiritual, academic and social development. I strongly believe that our Roman Catholic values and constant spiritual growth will enrich the educational experience at Trinity. It is a personal goal of mine to continuously grow spiritually, morally and intellectually and to pass this passion on to those that surround me on a regular basis.

Mrs. Cassels has certainly left some big shoes to fill. Trinity has made fantastic strides over the past few years to be recognized with a National Blue Ribbon Award, Middle States re-accreditation, a thriving PreK program while enhancing the curriculum throughout. Our school has worked so hard to achieve the high standard of education that we currently enjoy. Moving forward it is crucial that we don't simply try to maintain those standards; we must instead continuously raise the bar and strive to challenge all stakeholders to be the best that they can be.

Over the next couple of months, I will be getting to know the faculty and staff that dedicate their time and talents to ensure the best possible spiritual and educational atmosphere for children to learn and grow. I am thrilled to meet, get to know each of you and learn how you contribute to Trinity.

The summer is quickly passing by as I am enthusiastically learning the ins and outs of the building. Once again, I am thrilled to begin this journey and I look forward to meeting each of you! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Many Blessings, Ms. Linda Payonzeck Principal







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