

Dear Seahawk Parents,

Welcome back to Our Lady Star of the Sea for another school year! I know many of you are as excited as I am to begin a new year of learning. This year is particularly exciting because we are welcoming a few new teachers and a new priest, Father Nguyen. Our new priest will join us in the school each day to help teach the children and help them encounter Jesus Christ.

As you have all witnessed over the past couple of years, our school family has grown. We are approaching 200 students enrolled for this year. Our focus will be on growth, not necessarily increased enrollment in our little school but continued advancement in the quality of the education we provide and the improvement of our school buildings.


Plans for future school building improvements are still underway. My focus will be on the improvement of our current buildings rather than on expansion into new buildings. This is done to maintain our history as a small and excellent one-track school and takes into account the finances of our school families. I aim to keep family costs as low as possible while improving our already wonderful school.

This year, we will move confirmation to the spring of eighth grade. Therefore, both our eighth and ninth graders will be confirmed together this year. The excellent religious education provided at our school and parish merits this move. Due to this year's special confirmation class of eighth and ninth graders, we have been invited to have confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the confirmation.

Thank you to the many parents and teachers who expressed their desire for this change in our religious education. I will be teaching the eighth-grade religion class this year with help from Father Nguyen. More details regarding the new confirmation catechesis will follow.

Finally, I want to express how wonderful it has been to see so many school families attending Holy Mass on Sundays at our Lady Star of the Sea. The Sunday mass attendance still represents only a fraction of our school population. The most important thing we impart to our children is a personal and abiding relationship with God. As you all return from your various vacations, I look forward to seeing even more of our school family with us on Sundays.

Ave Maria Stella Maris (Hail Mary Star of the Sea),


Father Bob Kilner
Pastor