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Dear OLSS Community,

I am very honored and blessed to have been chosen to be the Interim Principal of Our Lady Star of the Sea School for the 2019-2020 school year.

This will be my 23rd year of teaching and my 15th year at OLSS. I am very grateful for the opportunities that I have had in the 12 years here as the 8th grade/Middle School teacher, as well as my wonderful year in 2nd and 5th grade. All of my students hold a very special place in my heart and they have taught me so much.

I am sorry that I will not be the homeroom teacher for this amazing incoming 8th grade class, but I know that they, as well as all of the students at OLSS will have an exciting, faith filled year. I will make sure that all of the 8th grade "traditions" are still intact and plan to still play an active role in their final year at OLSS.

As you know, I am very dedicated to Our Lady Star of the Sea school and its families. I can assure you that I share in this school community's dedication to caring for our students every day while providing them with a meaningful, faith-filled learning environment. Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of OLSS by building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. Together, we will focus on implementing character building education, mastering Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Standards skills, and providing a consistent faith based curriculum so that we can continue to increase all of our students' academic and spiritual growth.

I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the cooperation between home and school builds trust and self-esteem in students. Together, parents (the first educators of their children) and teachers (following the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ) can provide the solid foundation our children require.

To OLSS students, I cannot wait to see you all! I hope that you are excited for this coming school year. It is going to be a meaningful and fun year. We will be learning together to achieve the highest accomplishments.

To OLSS parents/guardians, I thank you in advance for your patience and support. I sincerely welcome your conversation and input during this year. Let us keep our students the primary focus of our work.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. J. Thompson

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