August 2022

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a restful and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to an exciting year, as we build on the momentum of last year, culminating with winning the WIAA 2B Scholastic Cup. If the last several years have taught us anything, it is to be ready for anything and prepared for everything. This approach will be needed again as we prepare to start Saint George's sixty-seventh year. Go Dragons!

Each year a theme is selected for our entire school. The theme is meant to provide a unifying idea to embrace as a K-12 community and the theme for 2022-23 is **Connect**. We have successfully overcome the challenges of the last several years and now we turn our focus to **connect** with each other and **connect** ideas and concepts in our learning.

We celebrate the amazing efforts last year by our community -- students, parents, teachers, staff, Board of Trustees -- as we welcome new students/families, faculty, staff, and coaches to our school community. It is always exciting to welcome our new families to the school as we build and acknowledge individual strengths, embrace belonging at the school, and support and respect one another as we pursue an exceptional educational experience.

New Security Protocols - One of the great things about a small school community is that we have a strong network of folks that are alert and aware of our surroundings. Together we work to create a safe campus environment. We also need to recognize the changing times and take additional precautions to secure our school buildings on our beautiful campus. When school starts, we will have all doors locked and secured throughout the day. The main entrance doors for the Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School will now have video and door-access panels that will be operated from inside. We will continue to work with the various law enforcement agencies to improve our procedures and practices to keep our community as safe as possible.

This fall, we will have several new faces in each division and some new roles for familiar faces. Please refer to the Division Heads Letters for introductions to our new faculty and staff.

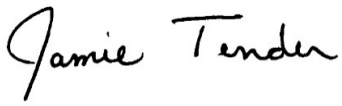
With less than a month before the school year starts, we will continue to prioritize the safety mitigation measures required and recommended by the various health agencies. This year will be a challenge as the Covid variants continue to evolve. We will have the ability to test students with symptoms and work proactively to limit the transmission at school. We anticipate quarantines will be needed in an attempt to keep folks healthy. We are still awaiting updated guidance from DOH, OSPI, and SRHD, so I anticipate additional health policy updates leading up to the start of school and during the school year.

NOTE: There is far more information about the start of school than can fit in an envelope. Please access the school's website at www.sgs.org and click on **Parent Portal** at the bottom of the page. Fill in the password "inspiring" and then click on the icon to **Documents and Bulletins**. There you will find detailed letters from the principal of each division, as well as athletic team requirements, summer reading assignments, letters from Lower School teachers, supply lists, fall campout information, and much more!

Also look for the sheet in this mailing that lists the forms that your family will need to fill out and instructions on where to find them online in PowerSchool. Be sure to fill everything out that applies to your family and students by the deadlines listed so we can have everything ready for the start of school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to the opportunity to **connect** with you soon!

Sincerely,



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