



*One Family in Christ Jesus*

Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Parents and Families:

This year, I am pleased to announce the Saint Joseph Regional School Annual Fund 2016-2017: ***Always Forward!***

***Always Forward*** is our direction; it's how we move, no matter what. We have faced more than our share of challenges this year, including personal loss and trauma and a couple more related to the economy and the loss of courtesy busing, but we continue to move forward, ***always forward!*** This year is about **all of us** coming together as one family in Christ Jesus to experience the never-ending mercy of God the Father.

Please know that your gift to the Annual Fund helps keep our faith community and school family moving in the right direction – ***Always Forward!*** It provides critical resources for educational materials, instructional equipment, and new technology. In fact, every component of student life is enriched by the Saint Joseph Annual Fund. Your gift allows us to maintain a modern, state of the art school complete with interactive white boards, new computers, online instructional programs, updated textbooks, and wireless internet. These 21<sup>st</sup> Century amenities help us encourage students to question, seek understanding, and practice tolerance during formal instruction, discovery, and experiential activities.

Saint Joseph Regional School is well known for its impressive combination of academic excellence and athletic achievement (Our boys just won the cross country championship again). The Annual Fund helps provide the resources our student-athletes need to maintain our familiar championship standards and provide the modern facilities they deserve. For example, the Annual Fund helped provide the gym floor a few years ago and recently, two computer labs for our students. This year, we are focused on school security and plan to install fencing around our school yard.

The Saint Joseph Annual Fund also provides for the numerous educational experiences and service learning opportunities afforded to our students. Many of these programs and projects, both co-curricular and extra-curricular (like the new greenhouse pepper project, the new indigenous garden, and our new clubs), help Saint Joseph Regional School students develop mature relationships with God, their neighbors, and the world around them.

Your gift to the Saint Joseph Annual Fund is the perfect ending to the Jubilee Year of Mercy and demonstrates the true spirit of Christian charity. This year we are asking you to consider making a gift of at least \$150.00. However, every gift, **of any size**, helps the lives you touch. With your gift, you play a role in moving Saint Joseph Regional School ***Always Forward*** as it continues to foster the development of the whole child: academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally within a gospel-centered environment.

Please join me in supporting the Saint Joseph Annual Fund, ***Always Forward.*** We appreciate your generosity during this holiday season and look forward to receiving your gift.

Thank you,

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