**To our beloved administration, faculty, students, parents, alumni, Priests, parishes, and parishioners;**

As we come to the close of the 2022-2023 school year, first we would like to mention how grateful we are to all of you for all your hard workand dedication toward the academic growth and stability with the re-formation of the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools. Karen Ionta has exceeded our expectations. You have all gotten to know Karen, and we have been able to witness to her passion, loving nature, dedication, and commitment to Catholic education. Karen has tirelessly brought immediate improvements in academics and to the structure within our school, in a short two-month period. We are truly blessed and thankful to have Karen as our leader.

This past Friday, we watched her in a packed gymnasium, honoring our twenty-eight graduating and talented seniors. These twenty-eight seniors were offered $3,473,612 in scholarship money from a plethora of higher learning institutions from all over the country. They accepted $1,001,428 towards their collegiate educational journeys. We are beyond proud of every single one of you! Through your Catholic educational journeys, we have watched each of you stand for our school with Christian faith, and hope you proudly carry the cross into your futures. Your outstanding class faced the adversity of the Covid years as well as the potential closing of our school. You are a class that will always be remembered, as a class of strength…. a class of leaders. Class of 2023…” Job Well Done”!!!!

As previously announced, there will be structural and technological improvements being made at the high school. The entire roof on the high school will be replaced this summer. The school hallways and classrooms are scheduled for painting. The transition of administration, teachers, and student body into the new servers and software have been scheduled as well. Catholic HEART Work Camp has reached out to President Ionta and will be sending student volunteers June 19th through June 22nd to donate work at our school. We are thankful and appreciate the time and talents of these men and women.

Conversations have taken place with the student body, administration, and teaching staff on a total remodel and use of the library space. There will be an established committee working with a local engineering firm on this exciting project. Your current board has been working on a long-term strategic plan. We are more than committed to the growth and stability of the Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools. Our president, Karen Ionta, held meetings with the teachers this past week regarding a much needed, and well-deserved salary increase. We as KCFS would not be who we are without our teachers. We want them to know how much we appreciate all that they do. Their previous and continual support of Catholic education at our school has not gone unnoticed and is imperative for our future.

It has been an amazing year in the history of the KCFS. We have watched and experienced the true meaning of being a 'Golden Eagle.' Every one of you has shown your dedication, love, and support of our school in many unique aspects.

Thank you to our alumni, families, parishes, parishioners, community leaders, businesses, and individuals, who have all worked together to ensure stability and forthcoming growth for the Catholic education in our community. We are also grateful for Bishop Persico, and the Erie Diocese Catholic School Office. They have provided their continued guidance, training, and direction for our continued growth and success of Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools.

**God Bless and safe summer for all!!**

**Co-chairs**

**Angela Surano & Patrick Zoccole**

**TODAY IS A NEW DAY!!!**