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Fall 2020 Update

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Farewell and Thank You

Though 2020 has provided unprecedented challenges, it has also provided opportunities to reflect on all aspects of life, values included. St. Odilia is proud of its strong education tradition and proud of the many St. Odilia families choosing Catholic education for their children. In May, care resumed for preschool and school-age students. The preschool-grade 8 school reopened with in-person learning in September with 3% participating remotely from home.

Launching the 2020-2021 school year required rethinking policies, traditions, and procedures. In this ever-changing world, St. Odilia School has found success with modifications such as lunch in classrooms, outdoor gym classes, virtual school Mass on Fridays, wearing masks, and middle school teachers rotating classrooms rather than students.

It has taken a village of dedicated staff, teachers, parents, and community members to accomplish the goal of launching in-person learning for the K-8 school. Administration has also worked tirelessly to ensure St. Odilia School adapts to current situations, best practices, and safety for all. Faith, flexibility, grit, and grace as outlined by Vicki Marvin, St. Odilia School's new principal, is defining the year. The school community is blessed to have Mrs. Marvin leading and guiding modifications during this unique time.

Mrs. Marvin comes to St. Odilia School with over twenty-five years of educational experience within the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis: kindergarten teacher, middle school teacher, principal of nineteen years, and serves as a Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) board member. She states, "As a product of Catholic education since kindergarten and a parent of two Catholic school alum, I have a first-hand understanding of the benefits of Catholic schools."



Mrs. Vicki Marvin

The school year has been a lot of hard work and will continue to require a lot faith, flexibly, grit, and grace. One thing is for sure, the value of Catholic education is shining brightly at St. Odilia as students are able to play, pray, and engage with each other at school again.

Along with welcoming Mrs. Marvin to our school, we'd like to take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Mr. Brian Ragatz for his hard work and dedication to St. Odilia School as Principal over the past 7 years. We wish you the best of luck in your new role as President of the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence, using your talents to help all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. We look forward to seeing you around school in your continued role as proud parent of a future alum!