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Dear St. Mary's Parents and Families,

I hope everyone is having a fun and relaxing summer. It's hard to believe that there are just five weeks left before school resumes! Our entire faculty and staff have been very busy preparing for a successful school year, and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and detail a few faculty changes and additions for 2017-2018.

My name is Steven Zimmerman and I am blessed and honored to be the new principal of St. Mary's Catholic School. I previously worked at Christ Our King-Stella Maris School in Mt. Pleasant, but am excited to come to Greenville and join the St. Mary's family. My wife Emilie, three-year-old daughter Mathilde, and eight-month-old son Etienne are also very excited to be part of this fantastic parish and school community. We have been floored by the energy and enthusiasm of everyone at St. Mary's, so thank you all for your kind words, well wishes, and prayers.

As school approaches, there will be numerous opportunities for me to meet each and every one of you and to talk about my education background and vision for St. Mary's, so I won't get into all that in this letter. Keep an eye on the Quacker, the school calendar, and our social media profiles to be notified of different opportunities to "Meet the Principal" throughout August.

For the 2017-2018 school year, we have several other changes and additions to our faculty. Mrs. Heidi Chapman and Mr. Jeff Gordon have both decided to pursue other opportunities next year and will not be returning to St. Mary's School. They will be greatly missed and we will keep them and their future endeavors in our prayers.

Taking Mr. Gordon's place in the middle school will be our very own Mrs. Therese Gallivan. Mrs. Gallivan is intimately familiar with middle school History as she previously taught it for many years. She has already slipped right back into her former role and is excited to share her passion for History with the students next year. Mrs. Gallivan will also teach 6th and 7th grade Religion.



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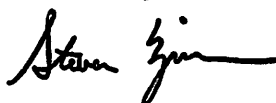
Our new librarian will be Mrs. Brenda Nichols. Mrs Nichols has served as our five-year-old kindergarten aide for several years now and she is familiar with how things work in the school library. Mrs. Nichols has already started setting up the library and I know she will do a fantastic job inspiring our students to read and learn next year.

Joining us next year will be Señora Haymée Giuliani as our new K3 - 8th grade Spanish teacher. Señora Giuliani is a native Spanish speaker and is returning to South Carolina after a few years teaching junior high in Arkansas. She formerly worked as the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Anderson. Welcome, Señora Giuliani!

Finally, Madame Delphine Fiden will be joining us as our new K5 aide and 6th - 8th grade French teacher. Madame Fiden is a native French speaker and has just moved here from Chicago with her family. She is licensed in France and has many years of experience teaching a variety of grade levels and subjects in French. Welcome, Madame Fiden!

I know everyone will give our new teachers a warm welcome. Please keep our entire faculty and staff in your prayers as school approaches. I look forward to an exciting and successful year for our students and our school. Thank you all for your continued support and have a great summer.

In Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Zimmerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mr. Steven Zimmerman
Principal, St. Mary's School