

Dear Parents,

As part of their mission, Catholic schools develop and implement academic, faith-formation, and co-curricular programs to educate the whole child. As stated in the St. Thomas the Apostle School philosophy, “Through positive interaction and mutual trust, a teacher creates an atmosphere that promotes student growth.” Our teachers help students grow by providing instruction in making good choices. At times, however, a teacher may need assistance in matters of discipline. To better assist our faculty in these matters, all discipline, including disciplinary policies and practices, will be handled by Vice Principal Annette Pioppo. This is *effective immediately*. In addition, Ms. Pioppo will be the point of contact for parents with any questions regarding disciplinary matters. Also, please know that I am available to you should you have any questions.

As we enter into these last days of Advent, may God grant us the grace to once again open our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus.

May you have a Blessed Christmas!

Rev. Jerome A. Johnson  
Pastor