



Office of the President

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Dear Sacred Heart families,

I am thrilled to welcome new and returning families to our 174th academic year! As I look forward to this year, I'm inspired by our foundress, St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, and her passion for faith, unity, intellectual values, and a social awareness that binds our community and lives at the heart of the work we do each day. These principles form the foundation of our identity as a Catholic, independent, Sacred Heart school, whose mission can be captured in the following words: *transforming the world, one girl at a time.*

The strength of our school, and our mission, is emboldened by the powerful partnership that we have with you and with your children with whom you entrust to us each day. It is an awesome responsibility to live out the *Goals & Criteria* as one community, a sentiment that is engraved on each profession cross received by every Religious of the Sacred Heart: *One heart and one mind in the heart of Jesus.* This virtue of **Cor Unum** is central to the future Strategic Plan and Vision for the school, which the Board of Trustees and I will be sharing in the coming months, and is symbolized in a new [logo](#) for Sacred Heart Greenwich, which is included at the top of this letter.

This logo is inspired by the version used by the RSCJs and illustrates our connection with the global network of Sacred Heart schools both across the world and in North America. The open heart with the cross reflects our commitment that all are welcome at Sacred Heart and emphasizes the dedication to our Catholic identity. Therefore, when you see this image on future school communications, it is my hope that it will inspire you to lean further into our *Goals & Criteria* and join me in gratitude for the great gift that we share as a united family at Sacred Heart Greenwich.

We too are united as a [leadership team](#) with several new and returning team members including Kevin Bailey, Director of Academics, Jenn Bensen H' 15, Director of Student Leadership and Wellness, Laurie Rousseau, Athletic Director and Laura Plunkett, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications. Together, we are focused on a year of excellence in all things: academics, athletics and arts.

Our division heads, [Marcie McDonald, Interim Head of the Upper School](#), [John Zwack, Head of the Middle School](#), and [Jessica McGibbon, Head of the Lower School](#) have been working diligently over the summer to welcome back students and you will be receiving a communication from them with details on the start of the school year and introductions to several new faculty members. **I encourage you to visit the Parent Portal to view and download important back-to-school information, including orientation schedules, academic calendars, uniform requirements, and supply lists.**

To help ensure the health and safety of the community we will continue to evaluate the guidance of the state Department of Education, the Connecticut Governor's Office, the local Board of Health and the CDC while determining safety procedures and protocols. For the most up to date COVID information/guidance please [click here](#) or visit the Parent Portal.

I am grateful for the warm welcome home from so many, and I look forward to partnering in the success of your child. Until then, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at baberm@csht.org.

Cor Unum,

Michael F. Baber
President and Head of School