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Dear Monsignor McHugh Families,

As you are aware, Mr. Ogando will no longer be with us at Monsignor McHugh. It is with great honor that I accepted the position of "acting principal." Those of you that know me, understand my commitment to Monsignor McHugh runs deep. It's been joked about that I bleed blue. (Except during football seasons – Fly Eagles Fly!)

In April 2017, Pope Francis delivered an address to the TED Conference. He was the first Pope ever to participate in the TED forum. The conference was titled, "The Future You." Yesterday's snow storm permitted me time to watch Pope Francis's address. I have added his thoughts on "hope" below, as I felt it strongly related to our MMS family's current situation.

"The future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. Hope is the door that opens onto the future. Hope is a humble, hidden seed of life that, with time, will develop into a large tree. It is like some invisible yeast that allows the whole dough to grow, that brings flavor to all aspects of life. And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness. A single individual is enough for hope to exist, and that individual can be you. And then there will be another "you," and another "you," and it turns into an "us." And so, does hope begin when we have an "us?" No. Hope began with one "you." When there is an "us," there begins a revolution." (Pope Francis, "The Future You." TED. Apr. 2017. Lecture.)

I understand that there is some trepidation as many of you feel like "here we go again!" But let me assure you that I see a great future for MMS. I have hope and faith that WE will get Monsignor McHugh back to its foundation; one built on faith, family, trust, and academic integrity. I look forward to beginning this journey with you all.

Yours respectfully,

Dr. Becca Torregrossa

Principal