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Dear Families of Saint Joseph School,

I so enjoyed meeting so many members of our community at Back to School Night. This event reminds us of the power of working together for the success of our children.

For those of you who were not present, I want to make sure we all understand the Diocesan policy around fingerprinting as it relates to volunteers.

The Diocese of Oakland requires that all volunteers over the age of 18 who work with minors or vulnerable adults be live scan fingerprinted and thereby cleared through the Department of Justice PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY VOLUNTEER SERVICE. Ministry cannot begin until clearance is verified by the Safe Environment Office.

This includes, but is not limited to, volunteers in the classroom, coaches on the field or those volunteering at fundraising events.

In addition to the fingerprinting, volunteers must complete the VIRTUS online training program. Any potential volunteers can access this program online at virtusonline.org

This week, we began the implementation of our elective program for our middle school students. Very exciting options!!!! Students were able to choose from the following electives: Yoga for Teenagers, Cities of the Future, Design and Perspective, Watercolor, Mathletes, and Scrapbooking/Bookmaking/Journaling.

As a school today, we reached out to our brothers and sisters in Houston. With a \$5 donation, students receive free dress. Our money will be going to students at Saint Pius V, in Pasadena, Texas, a school that suffered very serious damage. Thank you all for your support.

We pray for Father George and all of those people accompanying him on their journey to Egypt and the Holy Land. May they be safe and return home to us enriched by their experiences.

It has been a wonderful week for me because of your beautiful children. Thank you.

God's Blessings On Each of Us,

Dr. Marquita Yriarte