



BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Dwenger Family,

I hope everyone is doing well upon receiving this letter and information regarding the 2022-23 school year. I am certain most of you are lamenting the extreme heat and the drought that we have experienced so far this summer. These thoughts sometimes lead a person to wishful thinking to the end of summer and looking forward to cooler Fall temperatures. However, no one wants their summer vacation to end! Albeit the truth for me as well, I do find a palpable sense of excitement and enthusiasm as the summer winds down and the first day of school is just around the corner. I pray that all our students and staff look at the 2022-23 school year with optimism of change and growth.

Speaking of change, I want to express my gratitude and best regards to the following faculty and staff that are leaving BDHS. We are still in the process at finding replacements for some of the positions. I will give a full list of new staff and faculty in BD's electronic newsletter, *The Halo*, as we get closer to the first day of school.

- Joe Garcia (Theology Teacher)
- Maricela Stroud (Science Teacher)
- Christy Maloney (Choir/Performing Arts Teacher)
- David Moyer (Business Teacher)
- Dan Conroy (Maintenance Director)
- Tom Tidwell (School Business Manager)
- Rachel Dirig (Guidance Counselor)
- Karin Bouza (Attendance Office)
- Steve Scherburne (Transportation Director)
- Vivian Hanke (Cafeteria Director)
- Jessica Porfilio (Student Awards/Senior Awards/Graduation)
- Ruth Beier (Instructional Aid)
- Michele Tutwiler (Instructional Aid)
- Dawn Case (Instructional Aid)

Last year was the first time in recent memory that BDHS used a theme throughout the year: *He will make right your path* (Proverbs 3:6). This theme was chosen with the help from our Pastoral Minister because we witnessed many students and families struggling in 2020 to find themselves back on the path that led to the enlightenment and understanding of the graces they possess, thereby returning God in their daily lives. Some people got lost and were not only away physically from the faith but totally lost sight of the spiritual path. I saw this myself in students, parents, and staff. We continued to see people in our Dwenger community struggle last year, but I am hopeful that the new year will bring promises of change and growth, making the *path* more visible.

I have said ad nauseum that we are a *family*. Our shared faith and traditions create a strong communal bond. God made us to be a community... a family. United, we are stronger than the individual. We need each other to accomplish our goals, to sharpen our skills, to discover our gifts, to serve, and to improve. This year's theme is simple (like last year), and at the same time so incredibly important and magnanimous in meaning. To find the path that leads us back to a strong spiritual life, and a burning desire to love our neighbor as ourselves, we need the help from our Dwenger Family. This year's theme is: ONE: God, Family, Love (see the logo below).

Each of us is a mentor and a witness in living out our faith. This provides an opportunity for all of us in the Dwenger community to find the inspiration and strength we need to **find and stay on the path**. May Romans 12:4 be our reminder: *The body is a unit, though it is composed of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form **ONE** body.* With your help, the 2022-23 school year will be an awesome year full of positive transformation for all. I continue to keep my Dwenger families in my daily prayers as you allow God to work through you and with you each day. May the remaining days of summer bring you relaxation, joy, cooler temperatures, and rain!

Gratefully yours,

Jason Schiffli, *Principal*

