

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



February 23, 2023

Dear St. Bernard School and Child Care Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Parishioners,

Our current school Principal, Ms. Emily Finley, spoke with me this morning to inform me of her plans to step down from her administrative role at the end of this school year. Many of you may have by now seen the letter she sent to parents of our school students, which I have attached. I appreciate all Ms. Finley has done for St. Bernard in her time with us. Though I am sad to see her leave, I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

We have already started the search process for a new Principal. Sofia Kock, MS, former Principal of Holy Name School, and former Interim Principal at St. Bernard, has graciously agreed to assist our team with this effort. Mrs. Kock has shared her expertise with St. Bernard over the years, and we are grateful for her willingness to help. I will let you know when we have filled this position.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rev. Dan Wittrock'.

Rev. Dan Wittrock, Pastor

Enclosure: Letter from Ms. Emily Finley

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ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Making Christ present in all we say and do

St. Bernard Community,

After a lot of prayerful consideration, I have decided to step down as the principal of St. Bernard at the end of this school year. I want to make it abundantly clear that this decision was not made due to the members of this community. I love this community and still plan on being part of it as a St. Bernard parishioner. Over the last few years, I have come to realize that my gift and passion is working directly with kids in the classroom. I truly miss teaching; which is why I have decided to step away from administration altogether and go back to the classroom as a teacher again. I never expected nor wanted to leave so quickly. I love this school, and I love this community, which makes this decision all the more heartbreaking. After lots of praying (and continued prayer), I have put this in God's hands and this is where He has led me. I am so grateful for you all and the wonderful opportunity I have been given at St. Bernard's.

God Bless you,

Ms. Emily Finley