



Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Parishioners of the new St. Philip / St. Margaret of Scotland Merger,

I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new principal of the St. Philip / St. Margaret of Scotland School Merger. I would like to start by offering my sincere thanks to Michelle Peduto, Director of Catholic Schools, to the South Regional Catholic Elementary School Board, Fr. David Poecking, President and Sharon Loughran Brown, Regional Administrator, and the Interview Committee for this opportunity. I feel truly blessed to be given this opportunity to work to bring our two school communities together. I look forward to working with our Implementation Committee to continue the awesome work that they have already started.

I have a tremendous love and passion for Catholic Education. I believe that in our Catholic Schools we will have the opportunity to educate the total child; academically, socially, and most importantly, spiritually. Having the opportunity to work in a Catholic School is not a job to me, but it is my vocation. My goal is to make our new Catholic School truly a special place.

I come to our new school with 21 years of experience in the field of education. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where I also minored in Urban Education. I went on to earn my first Master of Science in Education degree in Instructional Technology at Duquesne University. I achieved my second Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership and Administration at Westminster College. I spent 11 years in the classroom. I have been an administrator in our Diocese of Pittsburgh for the past 10 years, the last 4 of which were at St. Margaret of Scotland School. I am a certified Principal (PK-12) through the state of Pennsylvania.

I believe that all our Catholic Schools in our Diocese are truly a treasure. We will continue to bring both of our schools together into one solid school community. There are so many wonderful things happening at both campuses. I would like to continue to build upon these successes. Promoting a positive school culture, communication, and integrating technology throughout the curriculum, are some of my initial goals. I will be writing a weekly newsletter that will be sent home to families, to keep you updated on all aspects of the merger and our new school. As part of my regular daily routine, you will see me welcoming the students in the morning in front of the school, on the playground during recess, eating lunch with our students in the Cafeteria and after-school during dismissal making sure the students depart safely. I work tirelessly to build and establish rapport with all members of our school community. My goal has always been to be a visible principal, focused on being a spiritual and instructional leader.

I am looking forward to meeting new students and families and continuing to build on current relationships. I also look forward to working with Sharon Loughran-Brown, Regional Administrator, to put together a great team of teachers and staff members from both schools, that will build a Catholic Faith-based community that will be our new Catholic School. I am available by email at [rmunz@stmargschool.com](mailto:rmunz@stmargschool.com) or via phone at (412)857-5356, if you have any questions or concerns. Our new school will reflect academic excellence, spiritual growth, and service to others. I am so excited to be a part of the newly merged school!

Many Blessings,

Mr. Robert Munz