



May 29, 2020

Dear Nazareth Family,

I pray this note finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe during these challenging times in our world.

I am blessed and overjoyed to be joining the Nazareth community and leading us forward. I pride myself in getting to know every student and family, and I look forward to opportunities to make this happen at Nazareth School. A strong sense of community is extremely important to me, so please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and share a little about who you are and what is important to you (I won't be hard to find in a crowd...just listen for my loud and joyous laugh). To the students, I look forward to welcoming you back to school, playing together at recess and spending time with you throughout the school day.

I have been fortunate to have both of my children attend Catholic school in San Diego, from kindergarten through 12th grade. My husband and I chose a Catholic education for our children because of the faith-based curriculum, the teacher's love for their students, and the strong sense of community. Steven is an exceptional rising junior at Saints and Kaitlyn just graduated as the Salutatorian from OLP. Both of my children are a wonderful testament to the benefits of a Catholic foundation and education.

My dedication and love for education can be seen daily in my positive and enthusiastic personality, embracing every moment with a smile on my face. My early career leading a commercial printing company inspired me to attain my MBA from the University of San Diego. As my family grew and priorities changed, it became apparent that my children needed me home full-time. This new career freedom brought me to education and opened my eyes to the joy of teaching and my passion to help students reach their full potential. I am driven to make a difference and I have learned that shaping the future of children through a Catholic education is my vocation. I feel fortunate to have found this profession and I am excited to embrace Nazareth School as my new community.

I understand we are in strange times, which are changing on a daily basis. I will be on campus all summer long, coming up to speed on all-things Nazareth School. As principal, I commit to you regular and complete communication, as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

I will be transitioning to Nazareth School the last two weeks of June, so feel free to reach me through normal channels at the beginning of July.

With a Grateful and Happy Heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rene M. Coons". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs. René M. Coons