

Kinsey great choice for St. Joe

St. Joseph students are about to start summer vacation, but preparations for the new school year have already begun. Classes have been selected, the last grades of the fourth quarter have been turned in, and a new principal has been assigned.

Mrs. Dena Kinsey, after serving as the high school director for the past two years, was announced as the new principal at the end of Mass on Monday, March 20, the first day back from Spring Break. The news was received with great optimism, including a long round of applause from the student body for one of the most well-known teachers at our school.

Tre'jan Rogers, a junior at St. Joseph and a former student of new principal, commented: "Mrs. Kinsey knows the students. And I believe that she will incorporate us into her new job." Along with this, he said he trusts Mrs. Kinsey to guide the school to a bright future.

Mrs. Kinsey has said in several interviews throughout her short time thus far as principal exactly where she wants to guide our school.

She knows and cares deeply for her students as she got to know them in the class room as a religion and math teacher in previous years along with watching them play as student athletes post great victories, as well as dignified losses. As high school director, she had an inside look into how a high school is run and got to know the staff on a personal level. Because of this deep understanding, she has continuously maintained from the start that St. Joseph is truly a place to grow. She spoke about how our campus is incredibly rich in academics, arts, and sports.

When asked about her feelings about the new position, she immediately replied that she is very excited to lead the school she has grown to love. She also spoke of how she plans to spread this love to the community.

Our students are widely known in the Jackson area for their exceptional service work and academic achievements, especially after being voted the No. 1 Catholic in this past year. However, Mrs. Kinsey had a few concerns about how our school is often described.

"I have heard so many people come up to me and say that St. Joseph is the best-kept secret in Jackson," she said. "But why? I want to move our school forward and make us, and our good qualities, known."

Behind our new principal's enthusiasm stands a great team of support among both the students and staff. We now have an opportunity before us to revolutionize how our school is viewed and run.

With the next year comes many new changes, and everyone in our close-knit community is banding together to prepare to take a new direction in how we conduct our academic lives.