



July 2017

Dear Blanchet Catholic School Community,

It has been a busy, exciting summer as we prepare for the upcoming school year at Blanchet Catholic School. Since arriving back to Blanchet in early July, I have spent time working on staffing, enrollment, and the enhancement of programs for our school.

We are very excited to meet our new students and their families as well as welcoming back all those returning, and I want to thank each of our families for trusting the education of their child to Blanchet Catholic School. I know that choosing a school for our children is one of the most important jobs a parent has and, at Blanchet, we are grateful for the opportunity to play a significant role in the lives of your children.

As I return to Blanchet and prepare for the upcoming school year, I want to express my desire to improve communication in our school community. I will be working with our faculty and staff to make sure that we, as a school, provide the highest level of communication and service to our students and families as we work to make Blanchet Catholic School the best school possible.

I am very excited to announce that Chuck Lee has agreed to return to Blanchet as our President Emeritus. This part-time role will allow Chuck to provide leadership to our school in the area of development and community outreach as a support to our development staff and myself. In coming back to Blanchet, Chuck has already secured a donation that will cover his salary for the next two years.

Chuck has a long, successful history with Blanchet and Catholic education with more than 40 years' experience working in Catholic school leadership in Seattle, Beaverton, and Salem. He currently serves as a member of the Salem-Keizer School Board and has been the President of Salem-Keizer Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) for the past five years.

This past year, Chuck was named to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission by the Governor and the Lee Student Center at Blanchet was named in honor of his 17 years of service to Blanchet. In January of this year, Chuck was elected to the Blanchet School Board.

In this packet you will find the dates and times set to pick up schedules, locker assignments, and picture day as well as new student and international student orientation times. During these schedule pick up and orientation times, you will also be able to set-up or put money into your student's lunch account.

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The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5; we will begin with a half-day that will include Mass and class meetings. With this letter is included important time sensitive information, please read it carefully and respond accordingly.

The Student-Parent Handbook, detailing important school policies and procedures, is available on our website at www.blanchetcatholicschool.com. Should you not have access to the internet, please contact the school office and request a hard copy.

Please contact me (us) if you have any questions about this school year. Working together, we can make this coming year a success for each member of our school community.

I look forward to seeing all of you back on campus in late August.

By Courage & Faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Weber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bob Weber
President/Principal
Blanchet Catholic School