



July 16, 2018

Dear CSBC Parents,

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful summer weather and having some family fun in the sun! We are eager to welcome all of our students back on **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** for the first day of the 2018-19 school year. On **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, I hope all of you will join us for a Catholic School's Mass and Welcome Back picnic. Mass will be held at St. Thomas the Aquinas Church at 11:30 am, and the Welcome Back picnic will take place at Seton Catholic Central in the parking lot at 12:30 pm (formal invitations to follow in the next few weeks).

Summer is always a time for critical building improvements and things are buzzing around our campuses with construction. This year, our capital campaign phase I construction has started with the demolition of Seton's main entrance. The project also includes renovations to the front main office, improvements to the driveway for easier drop-off and pick-up, improved parking and re-pavement, a renovation of the library and Sainly Grounds and upgraded lighting in the hallways and classrooms.

As we prepare our Catholic Schools of Broome County 2018-19 School Calendar, we wanted to bring some dates to your attention. We specifically wanted you to be aware of the following dates: **March 14-18, 2019 will be a Mid-Term Recess with no school for our students.** BOCES has designated an in-service conference day on Thursday, March 14 and a mid-term recess day on Friday, March 15. There is no public transportation when the public schools have conference or recess days, which makes it difficult for the Catholic Schools to have classes. On Monday March, 18, the Syracuse Diocese has designated a Diocesan-wide in-service day which is mandatory for CSBC faculty and staff. We understand that this requires specific attention in planning your Spring schedules and therefore wanted to communicate these dates in advance.

We appreciate your flexibility with scheduling and look forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Carter', is written in a light grey or blue ink.

Elizabeth Carter, PhD  
President  
Catholic Schools of Broome County