



# Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School

*"Continuing the Drexel Dream since 1915"*

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Dear Parents,

I pray that you have enjoyed the summer. I am humbled and honored to have been appointed Principal of St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School. I am delighted to have Sr. Margret Mary Friesenhahn who will serve as our President and Religious Head of the School.

Our faculty, staff, and students are grateful for the outstanding dedication and service provided by Mrs. Anatolie Bachemin during the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Bachemin worked diligently to improve test scores, classroom instruction, and fiscal compliance. We made major gains, and we will continue the progression toward improvement.

This year's theme is **"Inspired to Achieve Academic Excellence!"** Our teachers have plans to enhance the learning experiences to improve proficiency in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. As we move forward, we will further emphasize the importance of the four core to improve standardized testing.

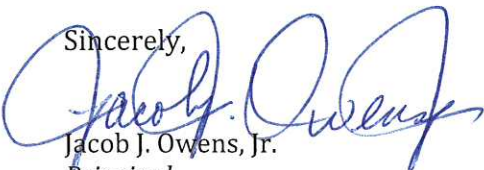
There is so much to get done, and with your help, I am confident we will prevail. The first goal is to clean up the school, we have designated July 25, 2017, as our PREP Clean-Up Day. Your assistance and support is needed, please contact our main office to volunteer for our clean-up day. We work better when students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni come together to improve our community.

Secondly, a "Meet and Greet" reception will be scheduled to invite parents to receive information on the vision and direction for this school year. At the meeting, parents will be able to share ideas to improve the institutional advancement of Drexel Prep School.

Our expectation is one of optimism and enthusiasm as we address the need to holistically improve the climate of the St. Katharine Drexel Preparatory School. In our continuous quest to progress, we will launch the STEAM-LA Program. The STEAM-LA Program is a new and innovative approach to teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics and Language Arts. We also plan to offer a Graphic Arts elective for students interested in the Arts, Advertising and Graphic Designs.

We encourage you to join us in branding our school as the best in the city of New Orleans. I look forward to a new chapter in the life of St. Katherine Drexel School as we ensure the Drexel Dream continues..... **"To God be the Glory."**

Sincerely,



Jacob J. Owens, Jr.  
Principal

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