

December 21, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

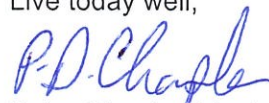
We hope that this letter finds all of you ready for a well-deserved break from school and work and spending time with friends, family and loved ones. On behalf of the faculty and administration, we extend our prayers and good wishes for a meaningful Advent season and a chance to reflect on all of our blessings.

The fall semester at Father Judge High School has been a very busy one with many successes and accomplishments by your sons. We have had a chance to make some important updates and additions to our Father Judge High School 2018-2019 Student Handbook and request that you review the handbook with your son(s). We ask each parent/guardian and student to read the handbook in its entirety and electronically sign it by January 4, 2019. There is a link on page 44, the last page of the handbook for parent and student to sign the document electronically.

In our quest to ensure a safe environment free from drugs, weapons or any threats, we ask that you pay particular attention to the section "*Office of Student Services*" on pages 12 - 26. We have made significant changes to subcategories such as *Substance Abuse Policy* including vaping, as well as use and distribution of illegal substances, breathalyzer and tobacco use. Please pay particular attention to *Technology/Phone Policy* as the faculty and administration work to keep ahead of all the rapid changes in technology that impact the learning process. We particularly ask you to look closely at *Acceptable Use Policy for Technology* (p. 26-29) and ask you to talk with your son(s) about proper use of technology. We cannot stress enough the importance of students using technology responsibly, including in and out of school using cell phones and all types of social media in a responsible manner. Most importantly, we ask that parents remind their son(s) about the impact of transmitting any threats in person, in writing, or via any technology, to include fighting, making terroristic threats, as well as any transmission of inappropriate photographs or images. Please note that we treat any threat very seriously and report all threats to law enforcement in order to keep us all safe at Father Judge.

Once again, thank you for giving us the privilege of teaching your son(s) at Father Judge High School. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the changes to or the contents of the Student Handbook, please let us know. We can be reached at 215-338-9494 ext. 1102.

Live today well,


Peter Chapla, Principal