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Welcome to an exciting new school year at St. Gregory the Great School. As your newly appointed principal, I am privileged and honored to be joining the community of St. Gregory the Great. September is such an exciting time, as we welcome a new school year and a new beginning.

We are looking forward to connecting with our returning families and meeting those new to our school community. To all new parents and students, I extend a very warm welcome to our beautiful school community.

At St.Gregory the Great, we strive to create a positive, safe and caring environment, where all are welcome, respected and belong. We are dedicated to providing quality learning experiences where students share and nurture their beautiful gifts.

Making Christ known to children continues to be an important focus for our school community. This year, we work to explore our Catholic faith at a deeper level, by living this year's division's theme: *Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.* We will work alongside our community parish, St. Stephen's in Lacombe, to bring this theme to life through our words and actions.

Our school is blessed with a caring, talented staff who are committed to working together with families to provide the best educational experience for students each day. Together, we can encourage students to accomplish incredible things in the new school year ahead. Our staff look forward to working closely with you to support students in their learning, ensuring this year is successful and memorable.

We are grateful for the amazing support of our parents. We encourage you to look for ways to be involved in your child's learning and life of our school community this school year. We are always eager to welcome parents to serve on our school council, which meets monthly. As well, please be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and visit our website for upcoming information and events.

Lord Jesus, we ask that you are with us as we come together in faith, once again, to begin a new school year.

Bless all of our students, families and staff as we make our way back to school.

Let our rejuvenated spirits shine through all that lies ahead.

Allow us to experience your presence in the many blessings you will put before us.

Open our eyes to the new challenges and opportunities this school year will bring.

Thank you for the excitement and joy in the promise of a new year.

Help us remember that you are always with us.

We ask this in your name, Amen