

September 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of SCGSTL:

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! This year has been an uncertain year in many ways and I know that we all are eagerly awaiting some positive changes.

My name is Pauline Melchoir-Morris an Elementary School Counselor for the Program for the Development of Human Potential, which is a drug prevention program, dedicated to providing educational and counseling services to Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens. The aim is to decrease risk factors and enhance protective factors, so that students and their families can be empowered to make healthy choices. I am introducing myself as the counselor for St. Catherine-St. Therese Catholic Academy.

My three major responsibilities will include; individual and group counseling as well as classroom guidance. Individually, I will be working with students who are referred to me for various reasons, either by the principal, teachers, parents or the students themselves. There is a possibility that I will be doing groups in 2021.

If I will be working regularly with your child, you will receive a note or consent form, before I begin. If your child is referred, I may see him/her 2-3 times before sending a permission form to you.

Keeping safe in this time is challenging but not impossible. As we work together to have a successful school year I want to remind you that we also need to take care of our mental and emotional well being. For everyone that looks very different, but the most important thing is to remember that we can do this together.

If I can possibly be of assistance to your child/children, please feel free to email me at pmelchoir-morris@pdhpbklyndiocese.org.

I have added the websites from PDHP that will have helpful tips to help you, resources wise:

<http://www.pdhpbklyndiocese.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/programforthedevelopmentofhumanpotential/>

<http://www.facebook.com/PDHPParents/>

Thank you for your time and attention. I am looking forward to a great year here at St. Catherine - St. Therese.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pauline Melchoir-Morris, MSW
PDHP Counselor