Cardinal Mooney High School CMHS

Mooney's founding principles will guide us

Dear Cardinal Mooney Family:

I hope everyone enjoyed last week's holiday weekend. Each Fourth of July, I spend time reading James Madison's notes on the Constitutional Convention. Permit me to share an observation made by Benjamin Franklin during the debates: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth — that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" (Benjamin Franklin at the Constitutional Convention, 1787.)

The Covid pandemic is forcing many of us — from Governor Mike DeWine to school administrators — to address new realities. These are unknown but suspected new realities, and some truths that we've avoided for years. One such reality is that we're not in as much control of our lives as we think. Another is that we're not invincible — not as individuals, not as institutions, not as governments.

Dr. Christian Smith of University of Notre Dame noted this recently: "The sacred values of modernity are human control and freedom. The spirit of modernity is humanity taking its destiny into its own hands. Covid-19 mocks this modern project."

I began with quoting Dr. Franklin as he sought to bring compromise to the debates during the Constitutional Convention. He recognized the importance of turning to God in times of uncertainty and /or crisis. In choosing Mooney, you have chosen “Sanctity, Scholarship, and Discipline” to educate your children. Those pillars guide us in our planning to welcome students back to campus in August.

Dr. Franklin was also a scientist in his day. He understood that that scientific knowledge contributed important elements to decision making, yet he also understood it wouldn’t settle disputes without the directives of shared values and ethical commitments. I am learning that those “shared values and ethical commitments” are best expressed as a tough optimism within our Mooney community. I can’t put a price tag on our cardinal beliefs or your “optimism". Both are integral to how we educate, and why it’s important to open in person.

Here’s what I learned from visits with families and recent alumni:

- Parents have instilled optimism in Mooney’s mission to produce future leaders who will improve the human condition. Two recent grads are preparing for med school, another is serving as a counselor at a local YMCA. Returning students to campus next fall is essential to executing that mission.
- Our students and alumni have had to adapt, and that skill is important for their future successes. Two were taking online courses during my visit and spoke about the relationship with their professors — both in person and online. Another is working remotely from home with his company in Austin, TX. You have chosen “Erie and Indianola” for the unique environment and difference it creates in our graduates. Our graduates appreciate having had the opportunity to learn from, and of others. Their emotional intelligence puts them at a competitive advantage. They all expressed how prepared and confident they were to engage with their new campus community. I would describe them as “bridges of understanding” between diverse people, faiths, socio-economic demographics, etc. **Cardinal Mooney graduates leaders and bridges — few can claim that.**
- Learning is a social experience. This social experience will be weakened if they don’t meet their teachers, and never engage in conversations inside or outside the classroom. The graduates I met are very engaging, thoughtful, and ready to share their talents.
- You expect in-person experiences for your children. I’m grateful of your recognition of the faculty’s effort to move online last spring, and I greatly appreciate your input on how we can improve. With your confidence in us, we are making strides where necessary.
- This “tough optimism” is forged in faith. Our faith teaches us we’re not the center of the universe, and that our talents are meant to serve others, and to trust in God.

“Sanctity, Scholarship, Discipline” — is the “Mooney difference” that, as expressed by our graduates, continues to guide them and provide value in their lives. That is what you as parents are investing in.

Let me close with a note about “scholarship and discipline.”

We have all experienced good, bad, and great teachers / professors. For many of us who have taken online courses, the same can be said. What distinguishes one from another in my estimation has little to do with the format and everything to do with the teacher's pedagogy — their grasp of the technology, and their ability to design a course around that. Good teachers harness the affordances of their teaching environment and make efforts to construct an engaging learning atmosphere for their students. That was true with chalk boards, and remains true today with Promethean boards.

Dr. Beiting is leading our faculty to create just those kinds of experiences for your student whether in person or remotely. We are investing in delivering meaningful and deliberate instruction, not simply giving assignments. We are investing in the infrastructure to ensure that there is no gap in instruction, 24-hour access, and that we mitigate inequities caused by virtual learning.

Modes of learning have been evolving since Aristotle, and continue to change more rapidly today. Technology has been revolutionizing our lives and integrating the global landscape that our student will enter. To remain relevant, we must step outside of our comfort zone of the past, AND remain advocates of the traditional Cardinal Mooney experience that values interaction between students and faculty. This is the key to transport teaching and learning beyond a computer screen.

I appreciate Governor DeWine's approach, and I'm grateful for the wise counsel coming from County Health, doctors in our community, and the diocese. Each continue to remind us however that returning to school in August will require some discipline by all of us: myself, administrators, faculty, coaches, students, and parents. Fortunately, "discipline" is a Mooney pillar. To ensure we return in-person and remain in-person, Governor DeWine has challenged us all to approach COVID with discipline and adherence to simple guidelines. These guidelines will challenge the nature of adolescents. I'm sympathetic yet believe in their tough optimism to see us through it all.

Have you noticed the flowers inside the ramps to our thoroughfares? What more proof do we need that Cardinal Mooney is in full bloom? Who knew there was such a thing as a Mooney daisy?

Sincerely,
Thomas Maj, President

Full bloom

'Mooney Daisies' forshadow bright days

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
- Author Unknown

Academic update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope that you had a wonderful 4th of July!

There has been a lot in the news this week about the reopening of schools. In the June 28 bulletin, Mr. Maj shared information about our planning work. If you missed that bulletin, it is available on the Cardinal Mooney website. Teachers and administrators continue to study guidance from the governor, the Ohio Department of Education, the health departments, doctors, and the diocese. Of course, much discussion centers on hygiene and safety issues, the academic needs of students, and professional development for faculty so we can open for classes on a full-time, in-person schedule. We might wish that new practices and procedures weren't necessary, but they are our new normal and we will adjust. We also know that if circumstances change, we might have to modify our plans as we go through the year, but we have learned to be flexible and adjust for the good of all.

What makes us most excited is the thought of faculty, staff, and students coming back together! We miss everyone. I hope that one of the things that we have learned from being apart since March is that our Mooney community is a wonderful gift. It comes to life because each of us gives our time and effort to nurture it. We hope to increase the ways that students engage in planning activities within the school, and have made some changes to help that happen.

- Mrs. Janet Cadman will serve as the Dean of Students. She will be the faculty liaison with student activities as well as working with students and faculty on issues related to discipline and attendance.
- Mr. Matthew Monter will join us as the Assistant Principal and one of his duties will be to oversee academic needs of students.
- Ms. Marshall will join the guidance office as another counselor.
- Mrs. Ruth Mastriana, a Clinical Social Worker, will add another day of service to Mooney in her role as a social worker.
- Mr. James Jablonski will serve as the Associate Athletic Director. Please keep Mr. Bucci in your prayers as he continues his rehabilitation.
- The Student Wellness Committee will help us plan proactively and address student needs, both social/emotional and academic.
- We want to restart the Student Council as a student-elected group to help organize and plan student events throughout the year. By increasing student voice and engagement, we hope that each student can find a way to get involved. Mooney has many great traditions, and we want to see what new ones we can start!
- To give time for each class to renew their bonds with each other and be able to join with us in this planning, we will start the year with one orientation day for each class. More details will be sent out next month, but here is the schedule:
  — August 19 will be for seniors;
  — August 20 for juniors;
  — August 21 for sophomores; and
  — August 24 for freshmen.
  — All students will be in session on August 25.

We look forward to being together again soon. In the meantime, stay safe. Remember to do summer reading!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Beiting, Ed.D.
Principal

Changes move us to the future

Welcome to the Family

Matthew Monter named new assistant principal

YOUNGSTOWN — This week, Cardinal Mooney officially named MATTHEW MONTER as the school's assistant principal.

> The Mooney graduate will leave this building equipped for success in the next chapter of his or her life, and beyond.

Monter previously served as the principal at Saints Philip and James School in Canal Fulton, and as a teacher at Massillon Jackson High School. Being a part of the legacy of Cardinal Mooney inspired him to make the move.

"The tradition and history of Cardinal Mooney speaks for itself," he said. "I am excited to get back to working in a high school and am honored to be joining a great team of students, teachers, and administrators."

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Education at Ohio University, Monter acquired his Master of Education degree at the University of Notre Dame.

"My vision, and that of our entire staff, is to provide a well-rounded education of the whole person," he said. "The Mooney graduate will leave this building equipped for success in the next chapter of his or her life, and beyond. I'm excited to build relationships with our students and staff that will help us achieve this mission."

Hi wife, Maria, is a teacher at Green Local Schools.

Running down a dream

Janet Cadman named Dean of Students

The new role will allow Janet Cadman to build a broader relationship with the students.

"This is my dream job," she said. "As I started my adventure into administrative work, I wanted to be a Dean of Students. To have this opportunity is amazing and I look forward to this school year and the years to come!"

She is entering her eighth year at the school, where she has been involved in many groups and activities. She has taught AP Computer Science, Coding I, Advanced Computer Applications, and and Creative Entrepreneurship. Before coming to Mooney, she she got her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography with a minor in Art Education from Youngstown State University. Her next stop was at Walsh, where she earned a Master in Art Education. She returned to YSU to pick up a Master of Science in Educational Technology. She is currently attending Cleveland State University to pursue an administration license.

"I want to continue demonstrating respect to all the students and for the school — to show the students that there is accountability for their actions and to be an advocate for what is right, finding hope in all that we do, being mindful of other people, and believing in the good of all the people in the school," she said.

Cadman will take the lead on discipline and attendance issues. She will also be the administrative liaison with student activities, help plan the different mentoring programs, and work with the Student Wellness Committee.

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For Love of the game

Jablonski takes on role of associate athletic director

After four years as a student-athlete, and 11 years as a teacher at Cardinal Mooney, JAMES JABLONSKI will put all of that experience and wisdom to work as the school's new ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

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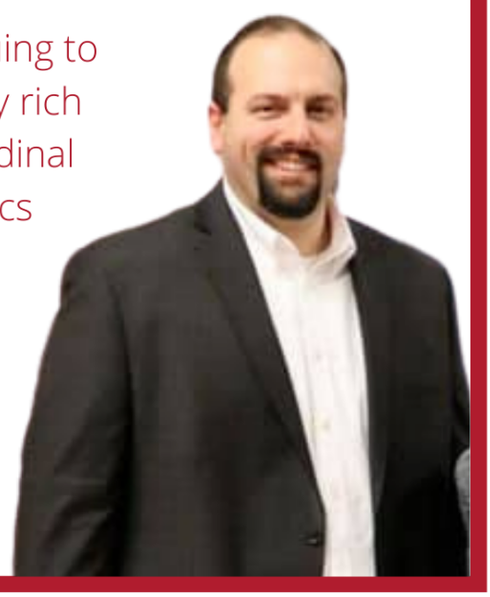
> — *James Jablonski*



"I look forward to building on the already rich athletic traditions at Cardinal Mooney. I believe athletics strengthens academic performance and discipline in our student athletes," Jablonski said. "I want to ensure that the Mooney Family can always be proud of our student athletes and programs."

Jablonski graduated in 1998 from Cardinal Mooney, where he played baseball for four years. He continued his playing days at Walsh, before an arm injury ended his career. His next destination was Youngstown State University, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History, and his Bachelor of Science in Education.

He will continue to chair Cardinal Mooney's Social Studies Department, and be in charge of athletic ticket sales.

"Athletics has been my passion for as long as I can remember," he said. "It's been very enjoyable working in the athletic department for the past two years, so I really wanted to expand my role there."

Teacher Spotlight

Holding court

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

JENNIFER POLICY

Since joining Cardinal Mooney in 1998 as a science teacher, she has been a yearbook advisor, and tennis coach. She also helped start the robotics club.

JOIN THE TEAM

If anyone is interested in joining the tennis team, please contact Ms. Policy.
JPolicy@YoungstownDiocese.org

When one teaches in the same school for more than two decades, there has to be something special about the place.

For science teacher, Jennifer Policy, it's easy to identify what motivates her at Mooney.

"I enjoy the sense of family, and 99% of the time, it is really easy to be there so it does not feel like work," Policy said.

She said she has always loved science, but at times there is the "monotony of lab work" that she doesn't always embrace. That makes sense, since it was the craft of reaching others that drew her to this career.

"I noticed in college when I helped other students that I enjoyed explaining things and sometimes had to figure out more than one way to explain a concept, which was also interesting," she said. "So I took an education course and the rest is history. I wanted to do something in science but I wanted every day to be different."

The decision was a bit of a leap from her comfort zone.

"The only thing I did not fully think out was that I am very much an introvert and I would have to talk all the time," she said. "I got over it, or maybe I am still getting past it. The students can judge this!"

She definitely seems to have adjusted well, because she is entering her fourth season as the school's tennis coach. For her, it's an opportunity to apply her analytical side to a sport.

"I am not a big fan of exercise, so tennis is good for me because a big part of the game is figuring out how to set up a point and win it by making your opponent work more than you," Policy, who has played tennis since a very early age, said.

Along with being the tennis coach, Policy helps Maureen Kandray with the yearbook. About 10 years ago, Policy also got the Robotics program off the ground, and has kept it running every year.

Policy earned her Bachelor of Science in Youngstown State University, where she also got her Master of Science in Education.

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School notes

Tennis Team: If any girl is interested in playing tennis this fall, please contact Jennifer Policy at jpolicy@youngstowndiocese.org.

Seniors please see this link to the google form. In order to have your final official transcript sent to the college/university you are attending, you must fill out this form. All colleges / universities require a final official transcript. Mrs. O'Neill has also posted this on her google classroom.

Registration packet: If you have not yet returned your registration information, please email it to mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org or mail it to the school. We want to be sure to include each of the students. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Beiting, or Mrs. O'Neill. If you need new forms or did not receive the original packet, please email Mrs.Kalasky at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org

As we work to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we realize that uncertainties remain about whether COVID-19 will impact how the year begins. At this time of year we lay the groundwork for scheduling teachers and students. The more we can include each student's requests in the scheduling process, the better schedule we can develop. We know that the strength of the Mooney family will sustain us and continue to be strong as we look forward to next school year.

Yearbooks for freshmen, sophomores and juniors are now on sale. Seniors get their yearbook as part of the senior fee. Just go to http://www.jostensyearbooks.com/ to order.

Community resources

Food

- An interactive Mahoning Valley Food Pantry Map has been put online by the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, and the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Also, follow this link for further information.

- Action and Wick Park Neighborhood Association are presenting Kids Snatch and Snack every Thursday from 1 to 3 P.M. from July 16 to August 13 at Wick Park Pavilion (Park Avenue Entrance). It is a a Unique and Nutritional meal for children ages 10-18. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- A food distribution site will be ready at Kingdom Reign Ministries on July 22 at 5234 Southern Blvd. Suite D
  Boardman, 44512.
- Big Reach Center of Hope is now offering drive up groceries for all on Fridays through Sept. 18 at 11767 Lisbon Road, Greenford, Ohio 44422
  Register at: Brcoh.org/summer
  and complete the form online
  or call 330-533-3279 x501 and you will be given an appt. time.

Legal Services

- Community Legal Aid — Ask a lawyer live on Facebook Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on their website, www.facebook.com/comm legalaid. You can attend any of their free events on the website.

Jobs

- The State of Ohio is currently hiring. Apply at Ohio.gov.
- Ohio Dept. of Health is hiring temporary contact tracers for the COVID-19 virus. The work is from home. Apply here.

Transportation

- WRTA Bus fixed routes are extended. Late Nite Services are included. Rides continue to be free. All must wear a mask.

Diapers

- MyCap Emergency Diaper Bank — Mondays 10 a.m. -5:30 p.m. You must call 330-747-7921 ext .1725 to schedule

Mental Health

- Compass Sojourner House is open for anyone in need of emergency shelter due to domestic violence, 330-747-4040.
- Compass Support Line — Free, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 330-531-7499.

- Help Network — Food pantries and referral information, 330-747-2696.

- Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, 330-744-1181.

- Alta Behavioral Health, 330-793-2487.

- Meridian Healthcare, 330-747-2696.

- Catholic Charities, 330-744-3320.
- These agencies are open for new and continuing clients. They offer Telemed services for the appointments.
- Please contact the COVID care line at 1-800-720-9616 if you are struggling.

Courses

- Eastern Gateway is offering free IT certification courses for displaced workers. Email here or call 740-266-9910 for information.

If you have any other concerns, please call the school at (330) 788-5007, and ask for Lori Radinsky.

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