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New Tuscarawas County Catholic schools progress

COLUMBUS - The new configuration of the Catholic schools in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, this autumn, will include a new consolidated elementary school (grades pre-school through grade 6), Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School (TCCES) in Dover, and the inclusion of junior high school students in Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School (grades 7 through 12) to create a junior-senior high school.

Theresa Layton, current principal of St. Joseph School in Dover, has been named the principal of TCCES. Dave DiDonato will continue as principal of the newly formed Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School (TCCJSHS) and Scott Power, currently principal of Sacred Heart Elementary School in New Philadelphia, will serve as assistant principal of the junior/senior high school.

The new elementary school includes two classes of most grade levels which makes the pupil to teacher ratio ideal. Current enrollment figures are: 251 students for TCCES and 66 students for junior high school grades 7 and 8 at TCCJSHS, for a total of 317 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through eight. Programs currently offered such as pre-kindergarten, School Age Child Care and the Mandarin Program will continue in the new school.

Since the initial consolidation announcement in February, the Diocese of Columbus Office of Catholic Schools under the direction of Bishop Frederick F. Campbell established and is working with a preliminary governing board which will provide direction and answers to questions regarding

this new model of Catholic schools in Tuscarawas County. Representatives from Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, Sacred Heart Parish, and St. Joseph Parish form this board.

Enrollment applications are still being accepted. Call the school principals for more information: Theresa Layton at 330-343-9134; David DiDonato at 330-343-3302; or Scott Power at 330-343-1721.

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NOTE: Please contact Terri Layton (330-343-9134) or David DiDonato (330-343-3302) for more information or interviews.