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Dear parents of our Lady Knights and Knights,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our physical education and athletic partners for this year as we move our physical education and sports programs to new levels of excellence. Athletic Director Betsy Barnes and Coach Joel Pittman will be working together in the physical education and sports areas as well as bringing us strong academic teaching in Upper School subject areas.

Mrs. Barnes is a graduate of Catholic schools. She received her masters degree in administration from the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio and has an all-level physical education certification in grades pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. She is a long-time coach and physical education teacher of all levels, mostly in the San Antonio area. Mrs. Barnes was head soccer coach at Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio and has extensive experience in coaching Upper School volleyball, among other sports. She also brings expertise in such areas as personal training techniques, is an equestrian competitor, enjoys cycling, music, fitness, and swimming, and has a second degree Black Belt Taekwondo. She and her husband, Steve, have two children, Luke and Patricia.

Mr. Joel Pittman has more than 25 years of coaching experience in both Catholic and non-Catholic schools. He has received multiple Coach of the Year honors at both the middle school and high school levels in all sports ranging from cross country, tennis, track and field, football, and basketball. He has most recently been with very successful athletic programs at Lindsay, Krum, and Forestburg. He and his wife, Debbie, are excited to join Our Lady's School.

We remain grateful to all those students, parents, staff, and parishioners who have built out athletic programs from the ground floor. Through the intercession of St. Mark and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, may we continue to dedicate ourselves to our mission of developing the whole child and dedicating our lives to Christ.

In Him,

Elaine Schad  
ICCS Principal