

# St. Amelia School names Kapperman new principal

TONAWANDA – St. Amelia School named Scott C. Kapperman, an experienced Catholic school administrator, its new principal.

Kapperman comes to St. Amelia School from Immaculate Conception School in East Aurora, where he served as principal from August 2015 through July 2019.

“We are thrilled to welcome Scott to our St. Amelia family. He is devoted to Catholic education and he believes that every child can learn when given the proper tools. This educational philosophy aligns perfectly with St. Amelia School’s goal of inspiring excellence in all of our students who come from diverse backgrounds and have diverse talents and learning styles,” said Father Sebastian Pierro, pastor of St. Amelia Parish.

During Kapperman’s tenure at Immaculate Conception, he implemented a new technology program that included robotic programming experiences, a technology lab with equipment that encouraged

students to invent and create, and an after school program that gave students hands-on experience with information technology projects like troubleshooting technology problems and refurbishing old technology equipment.

While at Immaculate Conception, Kapperman also partnered with the Diocese of Buffalo, the East Aurora Union Free School District, and Erie 2 BOCES to bring a fully staffed Learning Center to the school to serve the needs of the school’s special education students.

“Scott comes to us with the experience and vision needed to help our school continue to grow and prosper,” Father Pierro said. “He has new and creative ideas and has demonstrated an ability to bring his plans to fruition.”

Prior to leading Immaculate Conception School, Kapperman spent one year as an administrator in a public school and, prior to that, as a principal at St. Aloysius Regional School in Springville for three years. Before that,

he was an assistant principal at Our Lady of Pompeii School in Lancaster where he also taught sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade English for five years.

It was during his one year in the public school system that Kapperman realized that he was truly meant to serve as a Catholic school administrator. Said Kapperman, “Being a Catholic school principal is my vocation and calling in life. It is my responsibility to develop the faith of my students, celebrate the love of God with them, and help them grow academically, athletically and spiritually as they become the leaders of our world and society.”

Kapperman has a master of science in Educational Administration,

a master of science in Adolescent Education from Canisius College, a bachelor of arts in English and a bachelor of arts in Communication.

Kapperman shared, “I have received such a warm welcome from the St. Amelia community. I am excited to work with Father Sibby, the parish priests and staff, the school faculty and staff, alumni, parents, and – most importantly – our students to build on the strong foundation built by my predecessor, Jim Mule. Together, I know we can do great things.”

Kapperman is a lifelong resident of Western New York and currently resides in Depew with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Colin and Sadie.