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Agurri (greetings),

Our staff, students, and community welcome you to an extraordinary learning opportunity. The Sigonella Middle and High School is a small school with an importantly large vision. The Jaguar spirit is alive and well and we welcome your participation. Our students work closely together with their teachers and peers. Our community volunteers lend an added dimension to whole learning focused on individual need. We all focus on pathways to graduation and beyond. You will note the friendly support and excitement from the moment you walk through the entrance of our brand new facility.

Our students are high performers. We expect and support high expectations for grades, engaged learning, and service learning. We work closely with community resources to provide opportunities in and out of school to practice developing character and leadership skills. Our Jaguar learners are encouraged to demonstrate and document proficiencies and competencies as they plan for a seamless match between their vocational interests and the changing world economy. We balance learning skills with employability and social skills that are required for success in the dynamic cultural setting that is the 21st Century. Diversity is highly prized.

DoDEA learning standards and objectives provide the basic framework for our extensive curricular offerings. We are mindful, however, that we cannot forget the sacrifice our students make in supporting their parents who serve our country in time of peace and war. We endeavor to keep the disruption of repeated school changes to a minimum by emphasizing a smooth transition from, and to, state-side school systems. The school counselors are experienced in balancing incoming and outgoing student credits with DoDEA requirements. Our Student 2 Student program is very active in support of students new to our school. Our National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society students provide countless service hours in support of assisting in this very important focus. Ask about transition.

We encourage students to get involved in all aspects of the school culture. Among some of the many activities to choose from are music, JROTC, drama, class officers, NJHS and NHS, student council, Future Educators Association, Junior Engineers, MS Running Club, NAHS, and Creative Connections. We know that learners benefit in many ways from their participation in these activities. The optimal size of our student body provides many opportunities for our student athletes to participate fully and enjoy the many benefits of being a member of a team or individual sports program.

Our school motto chosen by our staff and students is *Education Builds Our Nation* and that building happens in a powerful way at Sigonella Middle and High School every day of the year. Join us. We have a place for parents, community members, and students alike. It takes all of us to make an important difference in the life of each Jaguar student...one learner at a time.