



July 24, 2020

Dear St. Paul's Community,

The 2020-2021 school year will be here in just a short time, and we look forward to seeing you!

We have new additions to our experienced and innovative faculty this school year, which remains the very best in the city, and they are all eagerly awaiting their students for the 2020-2021 school year.

We have hired a registered nurse, Michele Granito to be our School Nurse. Michele has been a nurse for over 30 years and has worked in several of our area hospitals and as a pediatric triage/treatment nurse. She is also a former parent to four St. Paul's alumni! Michele will be a wonderful resource as we navigate this pandemic.

In Little Saints, Julie Kollenborn continues to direct our dynamic program. Lauren Brennan, Rachel Francis Davis, Stacey Hayden, and Julie Kollenborn will be teaching our two year olds. Edie Martinez, Grayson Moll and Gillian Turcotte will be teaching our three year olds.

Beth Edrington continues to be our Lower School Principal. Our Pre-K will once again be taught by Andrew Doyle, Melissa Pearson, and Jan Friend. Jan will also continue to teach art to Pre-K and kindergarten. We will have 2 sections of kindergarten again this year with Emily Gilbard and Katelyn Vives teaching one section and Kelly Swiatkiewicz and Rachel Watts teaching one section. Rachel has an Elementary Education degree and has taught kindergarten, Pre-K and second grade. As many of you are aware, Katelyn Vives recently had a baby and will be out on maternity leave for the first few weeks of school and Caroline Christman will be her maternity sub. Caroline has been a substitute teacher for St. Paul's for several years and a maternity sub in our kindergarten previously.

Beth Edrington and Jackie McCord remain as our first grade faculty and this year Bailey Duhon will be joining them as an additional first grade teacher that the two sections will share. Bailey has been a substitute teacher for us and has an Elementary education degree. Julie Fremin continues to teach second grade along with Sarah Wolcott who joins St. Paul's from teaching second grade in Norfolk, Virginia. Sarah has a Master's Degree in Education. This year Abigail Bledsoe will be joining them as an additional second grade teacher that the sections will share. Abby has recently graduated with a degree in Education from the University of Alabama.

Melanie Vernon will continue to teach a section of third grade and we have hired Kimberly Offutt to teach a section of third grade. Kim has taught third grade, fourth grade and first grade previously. Katie Evans and Summer Carney (who taught first grade for us last year) are our fourth grade homeroom teachers.

In Middle School, Andrew O'Brien, our Middle School Principal, will teach Latin to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Beth Gutierrez will return as fifth grade homeroom teacher for one section, along with Aimée Menard who will again be a fifth grade homeroom teacher for the other section, moving up from fourth grade.

Our teachers for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades remain the same for our main academic subjects. Tania Willoz will teach math to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades and is a sixth grade homeroom teacher.

Chris Chopin will also teach a section of eighth grade algebra. Daphne Lavie will teach Spanish to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades and is also a sixth grade homeroom teacher. Tanya Olivier will teach language arts to grades 6 – 8 and is a seventh grade homeroom teacher. Ron Carrier will teach science to grades 6 – 8 and is also a seventh grade homeroom teacher. Shannon del Corral will continue to teach social studies to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Shannon and Jeremy Parks are the eighth grade homeroom teachers.

Rev. Gina Jenkins is our Chaplain and religious studies teacher for grades Pre-K – 8. She also leads chapel for Little Saints. Brigid Bartels continues as our visual art teacher, teaching 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Molli Davis continues as the music teacher for grades Pre-K – 8. Heather Farnsworth will teach Little Saints music and Little Saints through Lower School Spanish. Jodi Mistretta will continue as a teacher for Little Saints After Care and will also assist with Little Saints Music, Spanish, and P.E. Our Learning Specialist for this year is Natalie Tallet serving the students of Little Saints – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Natalie has been an interventionist in St. Bernard Parish and is very familiar with individual learning styles. Dale Duronslet and Angela Jubb Marsh will teach physical education again this year. Angela will also teach P.E. to Little Saints. Chris Chopin is the director of our Technology Department. Jeremy Parks continues to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade computer classes, IXL to middle school, and specializes in coding and robotics. Steve Thompson is our Outdoor Education Director and teaches computer classes for seventh and eighth grades. Leah Woods remains as our Sustainability coordinator, working with grades Little Saints through 8. I will continue to teach Project Panther, a character education program for grades Pre-K – 4 and a weekly speech class to eighth grade.

Judy Fenasci continues as our After Care Director along with her dedicated crew of After Care workers.

What an incredible St. Paul's Team!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charleen Schwank".

Charleen Schwank  
Head of School