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Dear St. Paul's School Community,

The 2023-2024 school year will be here in just a short time, and we are so busy getting everything ready for you! The science lab has had a major renovation this summer! We have 5 student islands, a fume hood, Bunsen burners, and a safety shower. The awning between the main building and Hemenway Hall has been replaced, and bulletin boards have been added to display creative student work. Grades kindergarten – seventh will enjoy new innovative editions of *Math in Focus!*

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.

### **Baby/Toddler Saints:**

**Courtney Folsie** continues as the coordinator of Baby/Toddler Saints. **Miriam Salinas** and **Jamila Moujir** will remain the teachers in the baby program, along with **Annie Hasney**. Annie, a St. Paul's graduate, has a Bachelor of Science and is returning as a full-time teacher in Baby/Toddler Saints, formerly working as a maternity sub this past year in Little Saints and Baby Saints. **Ty Smith** returns as one of our toddler teachers.

### **Little Saints:**

**Edie Martinez** continues as Director of Little Saints. **Stacey Hayden**, **Rachel Davis**, and **Lauren Brennan**, will remain as teachers of our two-year-olds. **Edie Martinez**, **Grayson Moll**, and **Taylor Jennings** are the teachers of our three-year-olds. **Laura McLean** will continue teaching part-time in the threes' class and assisting with Little Saints music, Spanish, and P.E.

### **Lower School:**

**Melissa Pearson** is our new Lower School Principal. Melissa has a Master's degree in Education and has taught at St. Paul's for ten years, previously working in Baby Saints administration. We have two sections of Pre-K this year. One section will again be taught by Melissa Pearson and joining her is **Jessica Nuss**. Jessica has a Master of Arts in Teaching and has previously taught second grade. The second section will be taught by **Andrew Doyle** and **Jan Friend**. Jan will continue to teach art to Pre-K and kindergarten. In kindergarten **Kelly Swiatkiewicz**, **Lisa Bonano**, and **Katelyn Vives** will teach, utilizing small group instruction within the one section of kindergarten. Katelyn will also be assisting in lower school grades.

**Sarah Perez** and **Katie Stackpole** return as our first grade faculty. This year Katie will be a lead teacher in first grade. Katie has a Master of Education and has previously taught grades 1-4. **Abigail Bledsoe** returns as a second grade teacher, along with **Meghan Lavie**, who taught in second and third grades at St. Paul's last year. Meghan has an Early Childhood Education



degree. **Melanie Vernon** and **Carson Thomassie** return as third grade homeroom teachers, and **Katie Evans** and **Summer Carney** return as our fourth grade homeroom teachers.

### **Middle School:**

Middle School principal, **Dr. Andrew O'Brien**, will teach Latin to grades 5-8. **Beth Gutierrez** and **Aimee Menard** will return as fifth grade homeroom teachers. New to us this year is **Rudi Meunier** who will be teaching math to grades 6-8. Rudi has a Bachelor of Science in secondary education and a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction. She has taught middle school and high school math. Teachers for grades 6-8 remain the same for many of our core academic subjects and homerooms. **Daphne Lavie** (Spanish 5-8) and **Rudi Meunier** are sixth grade homeroom teachers. **Tanya Olivier** (language arts 6-8) and **Ron Carrier** (science 6-8) are seventh grade homeroom teachers. **Shannon del Corral** (6-8 social studies) and **Jessica Guastella** are eighth grade homeroom teachers.

### **Enrichment:**

**Rev. Gina Jenkins** continues as Chaplain and religious studies teacher for Little Saints–8<sup>th</sup>. **Seamus McMenamin** remains our art teacher for grades 1-8. **Molli Davis** continues as the music teacher for grades 1-8 and choir director. **Allison Bunnell** returns as music teacher to Pre-K and kindergarten. **Heather Farnsworth** will teach Little Saints music and Little Saints through 4th Spanish. Our Learning Specialist is **Julie Fremin**, serving the students of Little Saints – 8<sup>th</sup>. Joining Julie will be **Beth Edrington** as part-time learning specialist. Beth has a reading specialist certification, and we are happy Beth will not be completely retiring! **Dale Duronslet** is our Athletic Director and will again teach physical education. **Kim Irons** returns to the St. Paul's physical education department after an 8-year absence. Kim previously taught P.E. for us for 6 years. **Chris Chopin** is the Director of our Technology Department and also teaches a section of 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra. New this year in the technology department is **Jessica Guastella**, who will teach computer classes to grades 1-6, IXL to middle school, and specializes in robotics. Jessica has a degree in secondary education social studies and a Masters in curriculum and instruction - education technology. **Steve Thompson** is our Outdoor Education Director, teaches computer classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and directs the St. Paul's Studio Band. **Leah Woods** remains our Sustainability Coordinator, working with grades Little Saints through 8<sup>th</sup>. I will continue to teach Project Panther, a character education program for grades Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> and a weekly speech class to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. After-care will continue to be led by **Judy Fenasci** and her dedicated crew.

### **Staff:**

**Dr. Kellie Camelford** remains our School Counselor. She will continue to work with all the students of our school and serve as a wonderful resource for our teachers and parents. **Michele Granito** remains our School Nurse.



**Vanessa Le Blanc** is new this year as Executive Assistant to the Head of School. Vanessa has a degree in Business Administration and has worked as an executive assistant for many years. **Sylvia Parks** is our Admissions Director. **Olivia Blanchard** continues as our Registrar. **Linda Bogacki** is our Facilities Manager. **John Joseph** is our Custodian. **Rachel Schmidt** is the Business Manager and **Shannon Waguespack** is the Assistant Business Manager. **Karol Tassin** assists in the Business Office, Admissions, and Development. **Darlene Chopin** is working part-time, helping with school events and graphic design.

What an incredible St. Paul's Team!

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Head of School