

August 2, 2024

Dear St. Paul's School Community,

The 2024-2025 school year will be here in just a short time, and we are so busy getting everything ready for you! We have some innovative items in store with a new kiln being installed for all of our talented art students to enjoy. The new hydroponic system and new greenhouse are also being installed soon for our sustainability program. Lego League returns to St. Paul's this year and with it come many new upgrades in our technology department. This just names a few exciting changes for the school year!

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 Folse continues as the coordinator of Baby/Toddler Saints. Miriam Salinas, Jamila Moujir, and Annie Hasney return as teachers in the Baby program. Ty Smith and Cassady Vanhoose continue as our toddler teachers.

## **Little Saints:**

Edie Martinez returns 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 Laura McLean are the teachers of our three-year-olds. Marcie Nunez will teach part-time in the threes' class and assist with Little Saints music, Spanish, and P.E.

#### Lower School:

**Melissa Pearson** is our Lower School Principal. One section of Pre-K will be taught by **Melissa Pearson** and **Jessica Nuss**, while 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** and **Lisa Bonano** will teach, utilizing small group instruction within the one section of kindergarten. **Michele Muller** is an assistant teacher who will be working mainly in Pre-K and kindergarten. Michele has previously taught Pre-K for 20 years.

Sarah Perez and Katie (Stackpole) Brent return as our first grade faculty. Abigail Bledsoe and Meghan Lavie continue as second grade teachers. 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  $5^{th} - 8^{th}$  grades. **Aimee Menard** will return as a fifth grade homeroom teacher and new this year teaching  $5^{th}$  grade is **Jeanie L'Hoste.** Jeanie taught previously at St. Paul's from 2008-2011. She has taught for 12 years and is certified in grades 1-5. Teachers for 6 - 8 grades remain the same for many of our core academic subjects and homerooms. **Daphne Lavie** (Spanish 5 - 8) and **Rudi Dunn** (math 6 - 8) are  $6^{th}$  grade homeroom teachers. **Tanya Olivier** (language arts 6 - 8) and **Ron Carrier** (science 6 - 8) are  $7^{th}$  grade homeroom teachers. **Shannon del Corral** (6 - 8 social studies) and **Jessica Guastella** are  $8^{th}$  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. **Allison Bunnell** returns as music teacher to pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. **Heather Farnsworth** will teach Little Saints music and Little Saints through 4th Spanish. Our Learning Specialist, **Julie Fremin**, serves the students of Little Saints – 8<sup>th</sup>. **Beth Edrington** continues as part–time learning specialist. **Dale Duronslet** and **Kim Irons** will again teach physical education. **Chris Chopin** is the director of our Technology Department and also teaches a section of 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra. **Jessica Guastella** will continue to teach 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade computer classes and IXL to middle school and specializes in robotics. Jessica will coach a Lego League team this year. **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. **Kelli Thomas, BSN, RN,** is our new School Nurse. Kelli brings to us ten years of school nursing experience.

Vanessa LeBlanc remains Executive Assistant to the Head of School. Melissa McGuffee continues as our Registrar. Hillary Alread is the Development Director. Sylvia Parks is our Admissions Director. 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 assists with events and in the development office. Linda Bogacki is our Facilities Manager. John Joseph is our Custodian.

What an incredible St. Paul's Team!

Charleen Schwank Head of School