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Dear St. Paul's School Community,

The 2021-2022 school year will be here in just a short time, and we can't wait to see you! It will be our 60th year as a school, and we look forward to celebrating our birthday together!

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.

We are excited to tell you that we have added a position in our school. **Dr. Kellie Camelford** is our School Counselor! She holds a BA in psychology, a MS in Counseling, and a Doctorate of Philosophy, Counselor Education and Supervision. She is a certified school counselor, registered play therapist, and a parent-child interaction therapist. Kellie most recently worked as a professor in the Department of Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling at LSU Health and Sciences Center. She will work with all the students of our school and serve as a wonderful resource for our teachers and parents. Kellie joins **Michele Granito**, the second year here for our School Nurse, as we continue to be focused on the health and safety of our students.

We are pleased to announce that **Edie Martinez** is the new Director of Little Saints! This is Edie's eleventh year at St. Paul's, and she holds a Masters in Early Childhood Education. **Stacey Hayden, Rachel Davis, and Lauren Brennan**, will continue teaching our two-year-olds. **Taylor Jennings** joins the three-year-old class, along with **Edie Martinez, and Grayson Moll**. Taylor holds a BS degree and has been a kindergarten and pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Angela Merici. **Natalie Tallet** will also work in the three-year-old class. You will remember Natalie as our learning specialist last year.

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 continue to teach art to Pre-K and kindergarten. **Natalie Tallet** will assist in Pre-K part-time, as well. In kindergarten **Kelly Swiatkiewicz, Katelyn Vives, and Rachel Watts** will teach utilizing small group instruction within the one section of kindergarten.

Beth Edrington and Jackie McCord return as our first grade faculty, and this year **Sarah Perez** will be joining them as an additional first grade teacher that the 2 sections will share. Sarah has worked as a kindergarten teacher, pre-kindergarten teacher, and fourth grade teacher and has an Elementary Education Degree. **Abigail Bledsoe** returns for the second year as a second grade teacher, and also teaching second grade will be **Olivia Zachary** who was a first grade teacher at St. Paul's last year. **Melanie Vernon and Bailey Duhon** return as third grade homeroom teachers. **Dottie Paulson**, who has been a substitute for us for many years, is returning as a full-time teacher in second and third grades. **Katie Evans and Summer Carney** return as our fourth grade homeroom teachers.

Middle School principal, **Andrew O'Brien**, will teach Latin to 5th – 8th grades. **Beth Gutierrez and Aimee Menard** will return as fifth grade homeroom teachers. Teachers for 6 – 8 grades remain the same for core academic subjects and homerooms **Tania Willoz** (math 6 – 8), and **Daphne Lavie** (Spanish 5 – 8) are 6th grade homerooms teachers. **Tanya Olivier** (language arts 6 – 8) and **Ron Carrier** (science 6 – 8) are 7th grade homeroom teachers. **Shannon delCorral** (6 – 8 social studies) and **Jeremy Parks** are 8th grade homeroom teachers.



Rev. Gina Jenkins continues as Chaplain and religious studies teacher for grades Little Saints – 8th. Our new 1st – 8th grade visual arts teacher is **Seamus McMenamin**. Seamus holds a BA in Fine and Applied Art from the University of Belfast. He has taught in both Ireland and New Orleans. **Molli Davis** continues as the music teacher for grades Pre-K - 8. **Heather Farnsworth** will teach Little Saints music and Little Saints through 4th Spanish. **Jodi Mistretta** will continue as a teacher for Little Saints After-Care and will assist with Little Saints Music, Spanish, and P.E. Our Learning Specialist is **Julie Fremin** who previously taught second grade at St. Paul's. Julie has a Master Degree in Education with a Reading Specialist Certification. Julie will be serving the students of Little Saints – 8th and is very familiar with individual learning styles. **Dale Duronslet** will again teach physical education. **Angela Jubb** is on maternity leave when school begins. **Chris Chopin** is the director of our Technology Department and also teaches a section of 8th grade Algebra. **Jeremy Parks** teaches 3rd - 6th 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 7th and 8th grades. **Leah Woods** remains our Sustainability Coordinator, working with grades Little Saints through 8th. I will continue to teach Project Panther, a character education program for grades Pre-K - 4th and a weekly speech class to 8th grade. Aftercare will continue to be led by **Judy Fenasci** and her dedicated crew.

There are many changes to our staff this year. **Olivia Blanchard** is our registrar, and she will also be working with the Development Office. Olivia's employment history includes working as the Office Manager of Dr. MLK Jr. Charter High School and as a television News Producer in New Orleans and Lafayette. **Dorothy Childress** is my Administrative Assistant. She previously worked as the Front Office Administrator at First Line Live Oak School in New Orleans and as a Project Assistant at Tulane University. **Linda Bogacki** is the Facilities Manager for both St. Paul's school and church. Linda worked as the Facility Manager at Christ Church Cathedral for several years and recently as the Office Manager at New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts.

What an incredible St. Paul's Team!

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