



April 2019

Dear Parents,

Over the past few months, Mr. Vito DeFrisco, assistant superintendent of schools, and Dr. Kathleen Miller, principal of St. James School, Belvidere, joined Mr. Burns and myself on the teacher selection committee for All Saints Catholic Academy for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers from the Cathedral of St. Peter, St. Edward and St. James Schools were invited to interview for positions for our new jointly formed school. After interviewing over 26 candidates, we are pleased to announce our finalized teaching staff as of April 15. (Some staffing decisions are still to be determined.)

The 2019-2020 All Saints Catholic Academy Faculty and Staff

Preschool: Miss Evelyn Fuentes

Kindergarten: Mrs. Mikki Yates

First Grade: Ms. Kathleen O'Rourke

Second Grade: Ms. Tressa Appino and Miss Jacqueline Belleque

Third Grade: Mrs. Marie Pumilia and Mrs. Mindy Whalen

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Elizabeth Hubner and Mrs. Karen Link

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Angela Burnett and Mrs. Roxane Kurt

Sixth Grade: Miss Mary Murphy - grades 6-8 Math

Sixth Grade: Miss Sarah Crosby - Grades 6-8 Language Arts

Seventh Grade: Miss Angela Peters - grades 6-8 Religion

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Melissa Wedwick - grades 6-8 Science

Eighth Grade: Mr. Richard Reynolds - grades 6-8 Social Studies

Eighth Grade: Mrs. Stephanie Schuck - grades 6-8 Literature

Art: Mrs. Cindy Buffo

Library: Mrs. Cindy Buffo

Music: Mr. Jeremy Toledo

Physical Education: Mrs. Nicole Gilfillan

Technology: Mrs. Rose Beaman

Resource: Mrs. Andrea Weightman and Mrs. Nicole Gilfillan

Enrichment and Spanish Teachers are still being considered as part of the curriculum.

Office Staff: Mrs. Betsy Conery and Mrs. Julie Nelson

Maintenance: Mr. Dan Pumilia

Mr. Burns and I look forward to working with this dedicated and excited staff. We have already begun meeting. We will continue to meet throughout the rest of this school year, as well as, throughout the summer as we prepare for the opening of All Saints Catholic Academy. Besides providing opportunities for staff members to get to know each other and to begin to build a cohesive community, we will be discussing ways to: infuse Catholic Identity throughout our school and educational program; be of service to others; identify best strategies for implementing a rigorous academic program which includes global and cultural awareness; capitalize on our strong diverse population; and ways to best use the technology that is available to work collaboratively, think critically, problem solve and communicate thoughts and ideas.

Please keep all involved in this transition in your prayers as we move forward to create a dynamic, Christ-centered All Saints Catholic Academy.

Sincerely,

Renee Payne
Head of School