

Staffing Update

As we begin our school year, it is important to inform you of the following:

Grade	Teacher	Education Assistant
Kindergarten ,	Mrs. Michelle Paone	Ms Sonia Burrow
*Grade 1	Mrs. Cindy Taylor	Ms Cherry Cortes
Grade 2	Mrs. G. Luongo/Mrs. M. Wagner	Ms Alyssa DeLeon
Grade 3	Mrs. Emma Gough	Mrs. Sandra Bird
Grade 4	Mrs. Elizabeth Castro	Mrs. Ana Das
Grade 5	Mr. Michael Penney	Ms L. Fernandez, Mrs. J. Tatu
Grade 6A	Mrs. Liesl Knoll	Mrs. Amelia Hara
Grade 6B	Mrs. Jane Douglas	Mrs. Tamara Maludzinska
Grade 7	Mr. G. Chapman/Ms P. Genio	Mrs. K. DiFrancesco

Vice Principal - Mr. Greg Chapman

French - Mr. Anthony Small (Grade 5-7), Mrs. Naomi Panganiban (Grades K-4)

Music - Mrs. Denise Fawcett

Learning Resource - Mrs. Carla Pereira, Mrs. Naomi Panganiban

*Mrs. Taylor is on short term disability while recovering from surgery in August. She is scheduled to return to work on October 5, and would greatly appreciate your prayers for her continued recovery. Mrs. Pereira will work in Grade 1 until that time. (Students who received support from Mrs. Pereira last year will continue to have access to her as she works collaboratively with the classroom teacher to meet these students' needs and highlight their strengths.)

We are sad to announce that **Mrs. Christine Franklin** has decided to retire and will not be working in our school this year. Mrs. Franklin was a creative, loving, adaptive, smart, faith-filled and very thoughtful education assistant who contributed in multifaceted ways to the success of our students, from their time in preschool through to Grade 7. She remains a member of our family forever and we wish her the best in her retirement where she will be selflessly supporting

her own mother and mother-in-law as well as her children and grandchildren. We love you, Mrs. Franklin!

We welcome **Ms Cherry Cortes** to the SFDS team; Ms Cortes is a certified education assistant who completed her practicum at our school last year, so she is a familiar face to our staff and students and she is familiar with our school culture. She brings to our Grade 1 students a love of children, a devotion to the Catholic faith, and an eagerness to learn.

Parish Education Committee (PEC) Changes

Mrs. Hanna Critoph is not returning to our committee this year as her two year term is over. **Mr. James Lota** is stepping down from the PEC; **Mr. Franco Caligiuri**, the vice chair, will be taking his place as outlined in CISVA policy.

We are exceedingly grateful for the tremendous contributions by both Mrs. Critoph and Mr. Lota. Their direction, communication skills, level of integrity, devotion, and dedication to continuous school improvement made a huge difference to the staff and students of SFDS School. Their presence will be greatly missed.

We have two openings on our PEC as a result of these changes. We already have one parent who has submitted the required documentation and is eager to join. If anyone else in our school and parish community is interested in becoming a part of this important team, please email the school office so we can provide a nomination form.

Applicants must be practising Catholics who belong to St. Francis de Sales Parish, and unrelated to anyone employed by the CISVA. Meetings are held once/month in the evening.

Nomination forms require two signatures from parishioners, as well as from the pastor: Father Mario Marin. The list of candidates must be posted in the parish bulletin by September 19; therefore the **deadline** for submission of nomination forms to the school office is September 16 at 4:00. The election, should we require one, is to be held on September 26 and 27. An election would be held if we have more than two candidates interested in running.