



April 26, 2010

Dear Parents and Students:

We are excited to share with you two major pieces of news. First, we'd like to update you about enrollment. We are thrilled to tell you that 85% of students in Preschool through grade seven at our two schools have registered to be part of Saint Francis International School and we have had an amazing amount of interest so far from new families. We are pleased to let you know that we now have six early childhood education classes for 2010-2011 (one PK for two year olds, one for three year olds, one mixed group of three and four year olds, and three classes of four year olds). In the primary grades we will have two classes each of kindergarten, first grade, and third grade and we will have one class each of second and fourth grades. In the middle grades we will have one class of fifth graders and two classes each of grades six through eight.

There is limited space still available in preschool for three and four year olds and in kindergarten, grade one, grade three, grade six, and grade eight. We have waiting lists for all of the other classes.

The second piece of information that we would like to share with you is who will be part of our faculty team for 2010-2011. We were very pleased with the many applicants that we received for positions at Saint Francis International School. In addition to the teachers and staff members from St. Mark and St. Camillus we received over 20 applications from outside candidates. We were blessed by the willingness of teachers to think from a team perspective; most teachers applied for several different positions in the new school. Because of the large number of very qualified applicants that we received we utilized a very thorough process to choose our teachers and staff for Saint Francis. Our process included reviewing every application thoroughly, meeting individually with each applicant, having each applicant interview with a respected educational leader from outside our school (these were current and retired school principals and university professors involved with education). We then used all of this information coupled with our knowledge of teachers' past performance to assemble a team that had the right balance of skills, abilities, and experiences to achieve the bold goals we have set for Saint Francis International School.

We believe that you will be impressed with the team we have created and will be excited about what they will be accomplishing with our young people when the new school year begins on August 31st. There are 49 members of our team, including the two of us. Twenty members of the team are coming from St. Mark, twenty from St. Camillus, and there are nine new faculty members. The faculty will be meeting in May to begin the process of becoming a team and throughout the summer we will be providing professional development to ensure that Saint Francis International School delivers the highest possible quality education to your children from day one. We look forward to arranging a time this spring when you can meet the new faculty and staff.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Russell

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Co-Head of School

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Administration

- *Fr. Michael Johnson, OFM* – Pastor of St. Camillus Parish & Canonical Administrator
M.Div. Washington Theological Union, J.D. University of Connecticut School of Law, B.A. Siena College
- *Fr. John Dillon* – Pastor of St. Mark Parish
Ph.D. and S.T.B. Catholic University , A.B. (*magna cum laude*) Villanova University
- *Tobias A. Harkleroad* – Co-Head of School
M.Ed. Marymount University, B.S.Ed. Shippensburg University, Diploma St. Lawrence Seminary
- *Charles M. Russell* – Co-Head of School
M.S. St. John's University, B.A. George Washington University
- *Lynn Farrell* – Assistant Head of School
B.A. University of Maryland – 8 years experience in education – Spanish speaker

Administrative Staff

- *Betsy Galginaitis* – School Operations Manager
M.B.A. and A.B. University of Notre Dame
- *Teresa Perez* – Receptionist & School Office Assistant
La Escuela de Ciudad de Cuenca – Spanish speaker

Early Childhood Team

- *Shawn Purnell* – Lead Teacher, 2 year olds
B.S. Howard University – 10 years experience in education
- *Jenifer Fosko* – Assistant Teacher, 2 year olds
B.A. West Virginia Wesleyan University – 3 years experience in education
- *Jan Whitley* – Lead Teacher, mixed 2 and 3 year olds
J.D. George Washington University, B.A. Tufts University – 5 years experience in education
- *Bernadette Gomes* – Assistant Teacher, mixed 2 and 3 year olds
B.A. University of Dhaka – 10 years experience in education – Bengali speaker
- *Elizabeth Suh* – Lead Teacher, 3 year olds
B.S. Bowie State University – 16 years experience in education
- *Sylvia Kerani* – Assistant Teacher, 3 year olds
B.S. Scottish Church College – 3 years experience in education – Bengali and Hindi speaker
- *Prema Shadrach* – Lead Teacher, mixed 3 and 4 year olds
B.A. Andhra Pradesh Open University – 32 years experience in education – Hindi and Telugu speaker
- *Erma Pompey* – Assistant Teacher, mixed 3 and 4 year olds
Prince George's Community College – 13 years experience in education
- *Anna Gomes* – Lead Teacher, 4 year olds
B.S. University of Calcutta, B.A. Annamalai University – 22 years experience – Bengali and Hindi speaker
- *Maria Gomes Dass* – Assistant Teacher
Little Flower High School – 2 years experience in education – Bengali speaker

- *Liz Smith* – Team Leader & Lead Teacher, 4 year olds
B.A. Boston College – 19 years experience in education
- *Giovanna Casserella* – Assistant Teacher, 4 year olds
Gabrio Casati – 15 years experience in education – Italian speaker

Primary Grades Team

- *Pat Brady* – Kindergarten Teacher
B.A. Sacred Heart College – 32 years experience in education
- *Molly Boyle* – Kindergarten Teacher
B.S.Ed. West Chester University – 4 years experience in education
- *Jamie Krug* – Kindergarten Teaching Assistant
Bladensburg High School – 20 years experience in education
- *Debby Giancoli* – First Grade Teacher
B.S. Frostburg State University – 28 years experience in education
- *Elizabeth Ross* – First Grade Teacher
B.S. University of South Florida – 17 years experience in education
- *Sharon Jones* – Second Grade Teacher
B.A. University of Iowa – 21 years experience in education – French speaker
- *Joan Gaes* – Second Grade Teaching Assistant
B.A. State University of New York at Albany – 20 years experience in education
- *Monica Gardner* – Third Grade Teacher
B.S. Salisbury University – 14 years experience in education
- *Janet Davies* – Third Grade Teacher & Team Leader
M.Ed. University of Toledo, B.S.Ed. Clarion State College – 24 years experience in education
- *Harolyn Slaughter* – Fourth Grade Teacher
M.Ed. Grand Canyon University, B.A. George Mason University – 7 years experience in education
- *Roberta McReynolds* – Fourth and Fifth Grade Teaching Assistant
Federal City College – 9 years experience in education

Middle Grades Team

- *Chris Lesesne* – Fifth Grade Teacher
B.S. Vorhees College – 12 years experience in education – St. Camillus alumnus
- *Henry Wroblewski* – 6-8 Science Teacher & Team Leader
M.A. Catholic University, B.A. Oblate College – 30 years experience in education
- *Tiffani James* – 6-8 Language Arts Teacher & School-wide Literacy Coordinator
M.S. Bowie State University, B.S. Morgan State University – 12 years experience in education
- *Mary Crane* – 6-8 Language Arts Teacher
B.A. St. Mary's College of Maryland – 6 years experience in education
- *Kate Derickson* – 6-8 Math Teacher & School-wide Mathematics Coordinator
M.A. and B.S. University of Nebraska – 14 years experience in education

- *John Sniegowski* – 4-8 Math Teacher
B.S. University of Maryland – 2 years experience in education – St. Mark alumnus
- *Tom Kolar* – 6-8 Religion Teacher
B.A. Kenyon College – 5 years experience in education – St. Camillus alumnus
- *Michele Winters* – 6-8 Social Studies Teacher
B.A. University of North Carolina at Wilmington – 3 years experience in education
- *Janet Glotnis* – 5-8 Spanish Teacher
Universidad de Puerto Rico – 15 years experience in education – Spanish speaker

Specials Teachers

- *Cynthia de Henzel* – Art Teacher
B.F.A. Hamline University – 10 years experience in education
- *Carolyn Johnson* – Librarian
B.S. University of Texas – 10 years experience in education
- *Henry Herrera* – Music Teacher
University of the District of Columbia – 19 years experience in education – Spanish speaker
- *Grace Slattery* – Physical Education Teacher
B.A. Montclair State University – 23 years experience in education
- *Ana Velasquez* – K-4 Spanish Teacher & ELL Teacher
B.A. University of Maryland University College – 5 years experience in education – Spanish speaker
- *Lori Lawrence* – Technology Coordinator & Librarian (5-8)
Trinity University – 12 years experience in education

Student Support Services

- *Carolyn Chabolla* – Director of Student Services
M.A. and B.A. Loyola Marymount University – 20 years experience in education – Spanish speaker
- *Denise Kurtz* – Resource Teacher
B.S. University of Maryland – 6 years experience in education – Spanish speaker
- *Bethany Berg* – English Language Learning Support Teacher
B.A. Gustavus Adolphus College – 2 years experience in education – Spanish speaker
- *Anne Ehrick, RN* – School Nurse
M.S.N. Arizona State University, B.S. University of San Francisco
- *Sherry McMahon, LCSW-C* – School Counselor
M.S.W. Catholic University, M.L.S. Catholic University, B.S. Spring Hill College

Extended School Program

- *Nora Fachiano* – Co-Director
B.A. St. Joseph's College – 47 years experience in education
- *Grace Slattery* – Co-Director
B.A. Montclair State University – 23 years experience in education