



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is the time of the year when we find some of our dedicated faculty and staff moving in different directions. Please join me in sending our gratitude and best wishes to the following employees who will not be returning after the end of this school year:

MaryBeth Thomas, current Third Grade Class Teacher, had decided to move on to new endeavors. For the past six years, MaryBeth has guided classes through our lower grades with great enthusiasm, a generous heart, and a diligent work ethic. She started with her current class in first grade, and with her effervescent personality engaged the students in learning academically, socially, and emotionally.

Victoria Dehan, current Eighth Grade Class Teacher, has also chosen to follow another path at the end of the year. Victoria, who has taken her current class from 5th through 8th grade, is also an integral member of the DEIJ committee and organizer of initiatives such as the Middle School GSA, and Literary Magazine Clubs. She has lovingly guided her students through the sometimes-challenging middle school years with thoughtfulness and purpose.

Orchestra Teacher **Shiori Chazono-DeBellis** has directed the middle and high school orchestras as well as provided private music lessons to students for the past two years. Prior to that she assisted Dale Stuckenbruck and directed the jazz band. Shiori will be moving on and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Iwonka Piotrowska, HS Photography Teacher and alumni parent, has helped students reach new creative heights while they learn the technical aspects of photography. While she has decided to leave her teaching position at the end of this school year, her heart is still here. Keep an eye for a future weekend workshop offering!

After 20 years **Carol Proctor**, Enrollment Director for Early Childhood – Grade 3 has announced her retirement. Read more about Carol in the full e-mail sent yesterday [here](#).

Facilities Director, **Fred Rhoads** has decided to retire after tirelessly serving the school for over 10 years. Fred has regularly gone above and beyond to ensure that our school is secure, our grounds are maintained, and the building functioning properly, and for his care and dedication we are deeply grateful.

Although it is bittersweet to say goodbye, we would like to acknowledge their years of hard work and commitment to the School and wish them joy in their decisions.

The search to fill these positions has already begun. If you have any questions about the teacher search process, please contact me. Contact Nicole for information on the Administrative positions. Community announcements will be sent as employees are hired.

Sincerely,

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