

It is with mixed emotions, that we share that Marissa McNamara (5th gr.) has decided to journey back home to Indiana at the end of this school year to spend more time with her parents and relatives. Marissa has been with SMSA for three year, and we are so very grateful for her service to our school community and support of our mission during her time with us. Please join me in thanking Marissa for sharing her strengths with us, and wish her well on the next leg of her journey!

While we can't replace Marissa, we have hired Mary Frances Popit to complete the 5th grade team. Mary Frances attended Catholic schools from elementary through graduate school and has worked in Catholic education since including serving as a middle school teacher, campus minister and religion instructor. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (English and American History) from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree in Secondary Teaching from Creighton University. Mary Frances will be relocating to Fond du Lac this summer, to join her fiance' who is a new Theology Professor at Marian University. We are eager to welcome Mary Frances to our SMSA family!

With the addition of a new math position at the high school, we are pleased to announce that SMSA Alumna, Nancy West-Sawyer '73 will be joining our team. Nancy comes to us with 30 years of experience teaching math at all levels in grades 9-12, in addition to most recently serving as a Math Interventionist. As a teacher, Nancy prides herself on "instilling a love of learning to all students. I would like to help student to have a positive attitude in all areas of life and become lifelong learners." We are so excited to welcome Nancy BACK to her home on the Ledge!

With Jasmyn Joubert moving to Louisiana to complete her Master's Degree at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette this summer, we had a Theology position open up at the high school. As most of our candidates were seeking full time employment, Catherine Petrie graciously offered to accept the position of both middle school Spanish, as well as provide support to the middle school Theology classes alongside Chris McGalloway. Therefore, Catherine will be moving down to second floor next year to join our middle school team. With that we are eager to welcome Joan Cinotto as our full-time high school Theology teacher. Joan has a Masters in Theology with an emphasis on Evangelization and Catechesis and has experience in Youth Ministry and Theological education. Joan believes that "each student is a unique individual and that no two students learn the exact same way. As a teacher it is my job to provide them with the tools for learning, foster a thirst for knowledge, and inspire and help illuminate the truth." Welcome to the SMSA family Joan! Please also join me in wishing Jasmyn well as she prepared to venture on and thank her for her dedication to the SMSA mission!

SMSA is also adding a fourth section of Kindergarten next year, and is therefore seeking a full time Kindergarten teacher and aide. We are also seeking a 6-8

Student Services Support Specialist to support our middle school team.

All positions can be found on our website by [clicking here](#); please feel free to pass them along to individuals you think may have an interest in joining our family!