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St. Margaret of Scotland Families:

I am writing to give an update on staffing for the 2024-2025 school year. We have made significant headway in finding great people to fill crucial positions. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce them.

**Adriyanna Salameh** – I am excited to reintroduce Ms. Salameh as our new third-grade teacher. Some of you may know Ms. Salameh from her time working aftercare. She has recently graduated from St. Louis University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and certification in Elementary Education. Ms. Salameh completed both her practicum and student teaching in both Catholic schools and public schools. I am impressed with Ms. Salameh's commitment to our mission at St. Margaret of Scotland and her ability to form intentionally positive relationships with students through her work in aftercare. I am excited for Ms. Salameh to join our elementary team.

**Molly Skiljan** – I am also very excited to introduce Mrs. Skiljan who has accepted the role of STREAM teacher for the next school year. Mrs. Skiljan has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and is certified in Art education K-12. Her experience ranges from St. Louis Public Schools to - most recently - Little Flower Catholic School. She has also recently earned her Master's degree in Art Education this past spring. She has also completed thirty graduate courses in Instructional Technology from the University of Southern Illinois - Edwardsville. I am confident that Ms. Skiljan's experience in project-based learning and interest in instruction technology will be a great asset to our school. I can personally attest that she is excited to begin and grow our STREAM program.

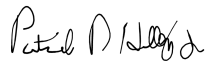
**Betsy Tullis** – We are very lucky to have Mrs. Tullis join our Fine Arts team as Suzuki Violin/Music Electives instructor. Mrs. Tullis earned her Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance from Utah State University in 2023. She served as a section Violist at the University of Missouri St. Louis Orchestra and principal violist for the Utah State University Orchestra. She is certified to teach Suzuki Violin and has been a private violin and viola instructor since 2016. Most recently, she has worked as a Teacher's Assistant in the Kirkwood School District. I am very excited to have Mrs. Tullis join our already excellent fine arts team.

**In the end, it's the beginning that counts.**

**Joe Lewis** – Finally, I would like to welcome Mr. Lewis to our early childhood team as a new preschool assistant teacher. Mr. Lewis has a Bachelor’s Degree in Educational Studies from Harris-Stowe State University and a Missouri Substitute certification. He is coming to us from the Ferguson Florissant School district where he spent time at Bermuda Elementary School and Parker Road Elementary School where he was an Assistant teacher for the three-year-old program. I was impressed with Mr. Lewis’s commitment to the religious mission of our school. I look forward to having his experience and energy in the preschool.

While I am very happy with the candidates we have secured for several of our open positions, we are still looking to fill some openings for next school year. Most importantly, we are still looking for a middle school theology teacher. We are also looking to fill a few more Teacher Assistant positions as well. Please continue to pray that we find a good candidate for these positions. As always, if you know anyone who is interested in working at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, please encourage them to reach out to me.

Have a great summer and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Holley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patrick Holley