



August 9, 2017

To: All Families of SES
From: Sister Shaun
Re: **Summer Memo #2**

1. Mrs. Annabel Dotzman , our former sixth grade teacher, has a new title! She is the **Archdiocesan Technology Instructional Coach for Grades Pre-K to Grade 12!!!**
 - a. We are so very proud of her and we know she will be sensational in her new role as member of the **Diocesan Technology Team!** We wish her the best and will forever be grateful to her for all she has done with and for us and so many at Saint Ephrem!!!

2. I am very happy to announce our **new staff members** for the **2017-2018** school year!
 - a. **Grade 3:** Ms. Lyndsay Dotzman and Ms. Colleen Markowski

 - b. **Grade 6:** Ms. Katherine Palkovics (who had been a long-term sub in grade 2 from April to June, 2017)

 - c. **Grade 7:** Sister Amanda Russell, IHM

 - d. **Grade 8:** Mrs. Shea Andress

 - e. **Spanish:** Ms. Maricel Martinez

3. I am very pleased to let the entire school family know that we are initiating a **"Junior High"** for our 7th and 8th grade students!

a. The four teachers in Grades 7 and 8 will **each meet all 7th and all 8th** students for the following subjects:

- i. Sister Amanda Russell, IHM – Math Grade 7, Math Grade 8 and Religion Grade 7
- ii. Mr. Michael Hughes – Social Studies, Grade 7, Social Studies, Grade 8, and ELA , Grade 7
- iii. Mrs. Shea Andress – ELA Grade 7, ELA Grade 8
- iv. Mrs. Elizabeth Needham – Religion, Grade 8, ELA, Grade 8

Because of this initiative, our students will be even more prepared to **transition into the world of high school** where they will meet multiple teachers and schedules!

4. I am very pleased to inform everyone that we are also introducing a **modified "junior high" type schedule** in Grades 5 and 6:

- a. Mrs. Gindele – Religion Grade 5, ELA Grade 5
- b. Mrs. Seitz – Math Grade 5, Math Grade 6
- c. Mrs. Battson – Religion Grade 6, ELA Grade 6
- d. Mrs. Palkovics – Social Studies Grade 5, Social Studies Grade 6, Science Grade 5

The 5th and 6th grade students will meet three teachers this year. Next year, they will have four teachers and then...They will be more than **ready for the big transition into High School!**

5. As the **first grade** families already know, last year's kinder class **totaled only 34** students. This year's first grade class (the same children) only **number 30**.

a. For this current year, therefore, Ms. McDevitt will be the **first grade teacher**.

6. For this **current** year, **Mrs. McDonald** has agreed to move to **second grade**. At present, we have 39 students registered for kindergarten. Again, **we are blessed!**

7. Our school enrollment at present is 411 students. **We are blessed!**

In closing, I will be sending you **Memo #3** either by the end of the week or no later than Monday.

May our good and gracious God continue to bless all who ARE Saint Ephrem School!

