



Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



August 26, 2022

Dear Parents,

In recent weeks we have been diligently working to solidify the remaining faculty and staff opening at Mary of Nazareth School. Please note the following:

- Mrs. Victoria Posner will be teaching one section of sixth grade math for the 2022-2023 school year. I am thankful for her willingness to step up to this challenge as she takes on the role of STREAM Coordinator. Her transition will be seamless as she has previously taught sixth grade math and she has known the rising sixth graders for the past two years.
- Mrs. Jennifer Koutsos, former MoN math teacher and math coordinator, has agreed to be a long term substitute in seventh and eighth grade until we find a suitable replacement. Mrs. Koutsos will begin September 6. She will be a tremendous asset and do a superior job leading two math sections.
- Mrs. Lisa Abreu, third grade assistant, recently resigned from her position at Mary of Nazareth School. In addition to providing assistance in third grade, Mrs. Abreu was our Yay! Lunch and Milk Coordinator. (We have secured a milk vendor for the 2022-2023 school year, thank you Mr. Lombardi.) Mrs. Abreu has been a tremendous school steward and asset as an employee, volunteer, and parent for the past fifteen years. We will miss her spirit, humor, and dedication. I know you join me in extending our gratitude to Lisa for her years of service upon her departure.
- Mrs. Tina Anh has been hired as our new third grade teaching assistant in the 3-2 classroom with Ms. Tran. Mrs. Anh has been an engaged MoN parent and volunteer in recent years, and she is extremely excited to join our school staff. She will do an excellent job supporting our third grade students and Ms. Tran. Mrs. Anh is vibrant, creative, energetic, and loves children and Mary of Nazareth School.
- Mrs. Carina Vergara will now serve as our Yay Lunch and Milk Coordinator. Additionally, she will be responsible for taking carpool numbers during dismissal. (Drive Slowly!) Mrs. Vergara is pleased to join our team and serve the entire school community in this capacity. She is highly capable, responsible, and committed to our school. We are blessed she is joining our school staff.

Additionally, three of our four traffic officers informed the school earlier this week that they will no longer be assisting with morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. This has become a major priority for the Administrative Team to resolve before the first day of school. In addition to reaching out to other police officers in our community, we are asking you to forward names of any police officers or firefighters who you know may be interested. This is a **paid** position. Finally, we have reached out to the Montgomery County Office of School Safety, who are currently understaffed, to determine if we qualify for a school crossing guard.

The likely absence of traffic officers will require significant patience during arrival and dismissal. Adhering to the timing I previously shared and following the directions of the adults on duty will be paramount to our success. I remain hopeful we will be able to get these shifts covered, however, it may take some time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Please see Parent Carpool Procedures [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Friel".

Michael Friel
Principal and CEO