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Dear St. Ann Families,

I am pleased to announce the three new teachers to St. Ann School for the coming school year. For many of you, these teachers will not be brand new faces to our school.

Miss Michelle Perry is a former St. Ann School student, and she will be teaching fifth grade. She received the Spirit of Saint Ann Award as a graduating eighth grader. After St. Ann, Ms. Perry attended Burroughs High School and Cerro Coso Community College where she received an A.A. in Liberal Arts/Arts and Humanities and an A.A. in Liberal Arts/Social and Behavioral Sciences and a Certificate of Achievement as a Child Development Associate Teacher. She has recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs with a B.A. in Inclusive Elementary Education with experience working with children in special education and with English language learners. Ms. Perry's hobbies include traveling, photography, working out, yoga, camping, off-roading, and watching movies. Her favorite animals are elephants and wolves.

Ms. Katheleen McKinney will be teaching middle school, and she will be the 6th grade homeroom teacher and will teach Math for Grade 7, Social Studies for Grades 6-7, and Language Arts for Grades 7-8. She has graduated from Pepperdine University and Cal State Bakersfield, Summa Cum Laude, with a Major in English, and a Minor in Psychology. She also attended Duke University and has a degree in Paralegal Studies, with a Specialty in Torts. Ms. McKinney comes to St. Ann with 7 years teaching experience at the middle school and high school levels. She and her husband have three children: Luke (2nd grade) and Taylor (6th grade) at St. Ann, and a daughter, Madison (Junior at BHS). Her hobbies include a love of the beach, working out, shopping, baking, copywriting, and spending time with her family.

Ms. Soledad Gonzales will also be teaching middle school. She will be the 7th grade homeroom teacher, and she will be teaching Religion for Grades 6-8 and Math for Grades 7-8. She has a Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies from CSU, Chico and she is currently studying for her credentials through CSU, Fresno with CalStateTeach. Ms. Gonzalez has taught two years in a 5th grade class through SSUSD at Pierce and Las Flores Elementary. During that time, she volunteered as the girls' basketball coach and the Student Council Coordinator. She most recently volunteered to coach the St. Ann middle school boys' basketball team this last school year. Ms. Gonzalez has a 19-year-old son who is attending CSU, Northridge and is studying to be a Psychologist, and her 27-year-old daughter graduated from CSU, Bakersfield and continued her education with San Francisco State University as a Clinical Lab Scientist. She currently works in a Bakersfield hospital processing COVID-19 tests. Ms. Gonzalez is fluent in English

and Spanish, loves to play volleyball and racquetball, watch Netflix, and take walks with her puppy.

St. Ann School is still planning on welcoming students back to campus full-time on Monday, August 10 as planned. More details will follow regarding directives to keep students and staff safe and healthy. Should anything change with our anticipated schedule, we will immediately notify families via Gradelink. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Tracy Sherrick