

August 2021

Dear Good Shepherd Parents,

At the beginning of each school year, I like to share with you our new faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as anyone with new roles for 2021-2022. This year, we will be welcoming new faculty to lower school and middle school, as well as new members of our staff.

Lower School:

Marti Albert – Ms. Albert is joining our lower school as a Reading Specialist. She has a B.S. from the University of Texas at Austin.

Lizzy McCartin – Ms. McCartin is also joining our lower school as a Reading Specialist. She has a B.S. and M.Ed. from Texas Tech University.

Middle School:

Kira Helm – Ms. Helm is joining the middle school team as one of the Social Studies teachers. She has a B.S. from Midwestern State University.

Elizabeth Schmitt - Ms. Schmitt has joined the middle school team to teach English and Theater. She has completed coursework on her doctorate from the University of North Texas, and has a Master's degree from the University of Warwick in England, and a B.A. from Vassar College.

Other Faculty Positions:

Caitlyn Hawkins - Mrs. Hawkins is joining our Physical Education Department as a P.E. teacher. She has a B.B.A. and master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Bennie Williams – Mr. Williams has joined Dashielle Vawter as part of our Classroom of the Earth team as our Assistant Director.

Lauren Younger – Ms. Younger has joined us as our new Librarian and Information Specialist. She has a B.A. from Pepperdine University and a Master's degree from Rutgers University.

Administration and Staff:

Daniel Luevanos – Mr. Luevanos has joined our Facilities team as the Assistant Director of Facilities.

Ms. May – Ms. May has joined our community as the Interim Director of Community and Belonging. Ms. May has a B.B.A, B.A., and M.Ed. from Southern Methodist University and is currently working on her doctorate from Texas Woman's University. For more information about Community and Belonging, [click here](#).

Kaylee Pavelka – Ms. Pavelka joined us in May as our Student Information Systems Administrator. She has a B.S.W. from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Current Faculty, Staff, and Administrators with New Roles:

Laura Cole – Mrs. Cole will remain the Director of Collaborations and Partnerships, and she is taking on an additional role this year as the Interim Director of Advancement.

Ursula Daniels - Mrs. Daniels (née Villarreal) is now the Director of Extended Day.

Sarah Hammontree – Mrs. Hammontree will be the new Kindergarten Associate Teacher.

Amanda Medina – Mrs. Medina is the new Chief Financial & Operating Officer.

Edward Mendez - Mr. Mendez is one of our Middle School Mathematics teachers.

Amy Musselman – Mrs. Musselman has joined the fourth grade team as a new fourth grade teacher.

Anne Tamplin – Ms. Tamplin has moved from middle school Social Studies to middle school Language Arts.

Priscilla Wallace – Mrs. Wallace joined us in October last year as one of our School Aides. We are delighted she is returning as the Communications and Admission Assistant.

We are very excited about the energy and expertise our new hires will bring to our school and to the students! We also look forward to the new perspectives our current faculty will bring to their new roles and grade levels! We can't wait to see everyone on campus!

Best,

Julie McLeod, Ph.D.
Head of School