

## A Powerful Legacy:

### Sarah W. Woolrich

No individual has influenced the culture of St. Francis Episcopal School more than its first principal, Sarah W. "Sally" Woolrich. She made a life of teaching, guiding, and, most of all, celebrating young children.



Mrs. Woolrich was hired in 1959 to teach St. Francis's inaugural first-grade class of 10 children. She continued to teach first grade for six years, even after being appointed principal in 1961. When a full-time principalship was established in 1965, she accepted the position, and then continued to serve the school in that capacity until her retirement in December of 1986. During her years here, Mrs. Woolrich oversaw the development of St. Francis from a small neighborhood school into one of the city's foremost educational institutions.

Mrs. Woolrich's positive influence will forever be part of the character of St. Francis. In her honor, the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund was established in 2002 to provide special learning opportunities for our school's faculty and staff.

2021-22

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Life-Changing Adventures.

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Exploring a passion. Imagining possibilities. Connecting abstract concepts to real-world issues. At St. Francis, our remarkable faculty encourage students to follow their curiosity, ask questions, and solve problems using creative and critical thinking skills.

Thanks to the generous support of the St. Francis community, our teachers are able to do the same through extraordinary learning adventures.

Established in honor of our esteemed first principal, Sarah W. "Sally" Woolrich, these awards underwrite professional development opportunities of a lifetime—from venturing behind the former Iron Curtain to "brushing up" on Picasso in Spain to studying architectural history in the ancient city of Kyoto, Japan.

TODAY WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING WOOLRICH RECIPIENTS WHO  
WILL TRAVEL OVER SPRING BREAK AND SUMMER.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH FACULTY

**Maria Cruzalegui-Reardon**

**Introduced by Madeline McKenzie and Colby Ward**

Sra. Cruzalegui will travel to Spain to study the ancient Spanish culture and German in the Old Basque Country. Through new projects and fun activities that engage the five senses, she will help students make connections between the Basque culture and Spanish language.



#### LOWER SCHOOL MATH FACULTY

**Christine Nguyen**

**Introduced by Hayes Comarda**

Ms. Nguyen will explore schools in Singapore to better understand how technology can cultivate curiosity, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. She will use this knowledge to further engage students and support the Lower School's initiative to be an Apple Distinguished School.



#### LOWER SCHOOL HUMANITIES FACULTY AND CURRICULUM STAFF

**Lynn Hardee, Sue Nelson, Alison Salinas**

**Introduced by Quinn Persia and Ellie Schilling**

This Lower School trio will travel to the American West to explore important historical sites. They hope that seeing the forests, waterfalls, and rivers—as the pioneers did on their journey west—will bring a true sense of wonder back to their students and enrich their lessons in the classroom.

#### PRIMARY II FACULTY

**Michelle Staller**

**Introduced by Charlotte Yerkovich**

Mrs. Staller will learn more about the importance of outdoor play in Germany. After visiting Waldkindergartens, or forest schools, where classes are held almost exclusively outdoors, she plans to share her findings with St. Francis colleagues and peers at the School Literacy and Culture (SLC) program at Rice University.

