



Pingry

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION IN THE LOWER SCHOOL

Who to Contact in the Lower School

Homeroom Teachers

- daily school-keeping such as the schedule, school calendar, and attendance
- your child's overall social, emotional, and intellectual development
- information or developments in your child's life that would help the School support you and your family more fully.

Classroom (Special) Teacher

- specific course content, assignments, or assessments
- how best to address difficulties in a specific class
- a particular moment or lesson that you hope to better understand as a parent or guardian

Your child(ren)'s classroom teachers can be found in their schedules on the Veracross portal.

Assistant Lower School Director of Student Life

- student adherence to the Honor Code
- questions about student programming (assemblies and community events) and service learning opportunities
- general school procedures

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Asst. LS Director of Student Life is Ellen Lazovick.

Assistant Lower School Director of Academics

- questions related to the progression of standards in the K-5 curriculum
- any issue or question, pertaining to the academic program, wherein you have taken the appropriate steps but feel that additional discussion is merited
- report cards
- standardized testing during the school year, except for those that pertain to accommodations for that testing (See "Learning Specialist")

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Asst. LS Director of Academics is Andrew Williams.

Administrative Assistant

- changes to planned pick-up or drop-off plans
- a sudden, unplanned need to reach your child during the school day
- any urgent issue after you have not been able to reach the specified party
- determining who to contact about an issue not addressed in this guide

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Office Coordinator is Mona Sinclair.



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Counselor

Contact the Counselor if you have questions or concerns about...

- your child's social, emotional, or mental well-being.
- transitions and life events.
- coping skills and stress management.

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Counselor is Alyssa Johns. For wider reach, there is also an email for the counselors within the Counseling and Academic Support Team (CAST) team.

Literacy/Math Specialist

- questions about overall philosophy and curriculum in that department
- targeted instruction in reading, writing, or math
- tutoring

Math

Mrs. Mary Sartorio supports grades K, 1 and 5

Ms. Sandhya Ghanta supports grades 2 through 4

Literacy

Ms. Jamie Nanfara supports grades K, 2, 4

Ms. Shalini Parikh supports grades 1, 3, 5

Learning Specialist

- student accommodations in classes
- psychoeducational evaluations or psychoeducational testing
- standardized testing questions during the school year that relate to student accommodations

Mrs. Adrianna Riguardi supports grades K, 2, 4

Mrs. Alex Driansky supports grades 1, 3, 5

For wider reach, there is also an email for the entire Counseling and Academic Support Team (CAST) team.

Division Director

- the overall expectations, program, and curriculum of the Lower School
- lower school learning, teaching, and assessment philosophy
- any issue or question wherein you have taken the appropriate steps but feel that additional discussion is merited

For the 2024-25 academic year, the Division Director is Alyssa Johns.