

Greetings from the SCS office!!!

I hope your summer has been filled with fun and excitement! We have surely felt our share of excitement with a remodel in progress! The visual landscape is changing all of the time around here! I am so excited for you to see all the changes that have been made to our wonderful facility! You will be amazed!

Many of you are aware of the changes that have been made in our staff structure as well! Once again, God has been faithful in providing the most talented individuals to meet our faculty needs! Here is a recap of the staff changes we have put in place.

- In an effort to expand our resource services to SCS families, we have decided to bring in a full-time team member. Doing so allows us to expand the services we are able to offer students at all levels of academic performance. **Mrs. Gena Murphy** has accepted our offer to become our first Director of Student Support! Mrs. Murphy has a unique talent for helping students succeed academically! I know this program will grow and thrive under her leadership!
- The product of that exciting change, however, created a dilemma – the need for two fourth-grade teachers! Again, I looked to my own staff to bring a layer of stability and excellence for SCS fourth graders and their families. **Mrs. Anne Jakaitis** has accepted our offer to move to fourth grade! Mrs. Jakaitis has been an important part of our instructional team for many years, and I look forward to the future of the fourth-grade program under her leadership!
- Partnering with Mrs. Jakaitis will be long-time friend of SCS and former first grade aide, **Mrs. Sonya Sims**! Mrs. Sims was an aide in Mrs. Luttrell's class for 8 years before returning to college to get her teaching credentials and Master's Degree. Mrs. Sims is an SCS parent as well, bringing a well-rounded view of the educational climate of our school to the position. Mrs. Sims is already familiar with many of the children through her experiences as an aide. I am excited to have her on our team!

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- Partnering with Mrs. Wolters in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is **Mrs. Brittany Stokes**. Mrs. Stokes has eight years of teaching experience in private school in central Illinois. Most recently, she spent 4 years at a private school in Springfield teaching, what else, fifth grade! Mrs. Stokes is dedicated to helping her students achieve the highest levels of excellence they can achieve. I was struck by both her love for children and her strong desire to serve the Lord with her life! She too will be an excellent addition to our team!
- The Springfield Christian School librarian position has been filled by **Mrs. Rachelle Cordell**! Mrs. Cordell will continue in her duties as Junior High Computer teacher, as she has the past two years. In this new role her duties will expand to include the oversight of the SCS library, as well as Scholastic Book Fairs and the school wide reading incentive programs. Mrs. Cordell's devotion to SCS and its families made her a natural fit for this position! I look forward to all Mrs. Cordell will do to promote the love of reading to Springfield Christian School students and their families!

You can see God has been hard at work expanding His kingdom at SCS! In all of this, we have had to learn to become very comfortable with change! One thing, however, has not changed – the mission. When you walk back into the building in August, you will see different faces and a few new places. In spite of the changes, we exist to achieve the same goal: God's best for your children! We remain committed to the quality education and care we offer our families every school year, no matter how things transform over time! I am confident that the plans God has set into motion will bless our students, families and staff! More importantly, I am confident that God will be glorified as a result! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Springfield Christian School! I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year!!!

Blessings,



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