

St. Louis School Cardinal Post

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Upcoming Dates:

- Aug. 20** – Fall Fundraiser
Kick Off at 2:00
p.m. in the old gym
- Aug. 21**–PAA Football
Jamboree at St.
Benedict High
School
- Aug. 22**–Boy Scout Ice
Cream Social in
Cafeteria
- Aug. 25**–All School Mass,
Feast of St. Louis
- Aug. 30**–Room Mother Tea
- Aug. 31**–Home & School
Meeting 6:30 in the
Clunan Center
- Sept. 3**–Feast of St. Louis,
No School
- Sept. 6**–Labor Day, No
School
- Sept. 7**–ITBS Testing
Begins
- Sept. 9**–Home & School
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13**–Fall Fundraiser
Due
- Sept. 17**–Fall Fundraiser
Tally Day
- Sept. 22**–4K Picture Day
- Sept. 23**–3K &
Kindergarten – 8th
Grade Picture Day
- Sept. 27**–Professional Day,
No School

**Refer to stlouismemphis.org for
additional dates.*

A Message from Mrs. Niedzwiedz:

Dear Friends of St. Louis School,

I am so excited to be your new principal and I look forward to serving the St. Louis School community. I love your children already! They are so respectful and sweet. I also have had an opportunity to meet with the faculty and staff of St. Louis and I have discovered that they are very dedicated to educating our students and put in a lot of hours grading papers, planning, and preparing. I have seen the test scores from last fall and St. Louis students are strong in both academics and knowledge of their faith.

I feel honored and blessed to spend time with your children every day. I have been having lunch with a different group of students each day to try and get to know them. I have many times received my best ideas for a school by listening to the children. They are very honest and tell it like it is (at least most of the time). Communication is very important to a quality school. Make sure that you communicate with your child's teacher and also with Mrs. Shaw and me. We are very open to input from families and we know that we all want the same thing, a quality Catholic school, where children learn and practice their faith and learn the importance of service to others.

This month I look forward to football, soccer, students signing up for orchestra and show choir with Mrs. Sellers, and Cub Scout and Boy Scout sign ups. These are wonderful opportunities for our students to work together in a group and discover their talents. Please encourage your children to be involved in extracurricular activities; we are so blessed here at St. Louis to have so many opportunities.

I wish everyone a great start to the school year!!!!!!

Peace & Blessings,

Mrs. Teddi Niedzwiedz



St. Louis School Mission Statement

St. Louis Catholic School is committed to quality education in the spirit of Christ in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Working in partnership with parents and the community, we are dedicated to preparing our students for the future through faith formation and academic excellence utilizing progressive technology while enhancing students' emotional, physical and spiritual well-being.

St. Louis School would like to welcome our new teachers to the 2010/2011 school year. Please enjoy this edition of the *Cardinal Post* to learn a little more about our new teachers!

Preschool



**Mrs. Kendall Lucchesi—
Preschool Director**

My name is Kendall Lucchesi and I will be the director of our new preschool. I will also be the lead teacher of the three day 4K classroom. I am so excited to have

the opportunity to serve our children. In some capacity I have worked with preschool and elementary students the last 19 years. I was a part-time teacher of four year olds at a day care center for five years. I was a kindergarten and first grade classroom teacher with Shelby County Schools for five years. For the last nine years I have been the lead teacher of three, four, and five year olds. This age group is where my heart lies. It is something that I feel I am called to do. I cannot sing, dance, or play the piano, but I do have a talent; it is caring for, inspiring, and educating these little souls. I am so blessed to be a part of the St. Louis faculty and staff!

**Mrs. Claire Thompson—
3K/2 Days**

Hi, my name is Claire Thompson and I am the lead teacher for the three year old preschool class. I previously taught Kindergarten at St. Louis for five years. I have



been a stay-at-home mom to my two boys for the past three years, while continuing to be a substitute teacher here. I am a graduate of St. Louis School and am very excited to be back teaching and working in this brand new preschool program.



Nicole Murphy – 4K/5 Days

My name is Nicole Murphy and I was born in Memphis, but I have lived all around the country. I have lived in Memphis for ten years with my husband Lance (local film maker/photographer).

I have a two-year old son, Ian. We live downtown and attend St. Peter's Church.

I have been teaching (early childhood, three, four, and five year olds) since I graduated from college (14 years!). I am looking forward to working in our new preschool (four year olds, five days) this year.



**Christina Schrimsher – 4K & 5K
Assistant**

My name is Christina Schrimsher, and I was born and raised in Memphis, TN. I graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I taught Kindergarten

for two years before joining the staff here at St. Louis as the assistant teacher in the five day a week Pre-K class. I have a six year old son, Connor, who is in first grade here. We love it here at St. Louis and I am very excited to be teaching at such a wonderful school!

Just a few Reminders:

- Please no cell phone use in the parking lot.
- If you have not returned your signed handbook form, after reviewing the handbook, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you for adjusting to the new dismissal policy, we are doing a great job of keeping our students safe!

Angela Pieroni – 3K & 4K Assistant

Hi, my name is Angela Fioranelli Pieroni and I was born and raised in Greenville, MS. I am a St. Joseph High School and Delta State University graduate, where I specialized in Early Childhood and minored in Special Education.



I married my husband Joseph in 1999, and moved to Oxford, MS, where we welcomed our daughter Anna Riley in 2001. I also taught special education in MS in 2005, and then moved to Tallahassee, FL where I worked for Florida State University as a Reading Researcher. I began my professional career in Catholic school in 2007 as a 3K Preschool Teacher and then moved to Memphis in July of 2010 where I was hired by Kendall as the 3K and 4K assistant. I'm so grateful for this opportunity!

Elementary and Junior High Teachers

Mrs. Meredith Moore—4th Grade

My name is Meredith Moore, and I am thrilled to be at St. Louis this year as the new fourth grade teacher.

I began my journey as an educator in Knoxville, where I taught fifth grade for a year while completing my Master's degree. Upon moving to Memphis in 2001, I began teaching fifth and sixth grade at St. George's where I remained for five years.

Over the course of the last five years, I have had the privilege of staying home with my children, Jackson (6) and Bailey (4). While my main role has been 'mom,' I have continued to teach as a substitute and tutor at various schools in Memphis. I have also enjoyed part-time work as a freelance copy editor.

I feel truly blessed to be a part of the St. Louis community; and I look forward to a fantastic year!



Mrs. Stacey Hanson—3rd Grade

I graduated from St. Agnes in 1985 and the University of Memphis in 1988. I have three precious children: Lindsey, a junior at UT Knoxville, Ryan, a senior at Collierville High School, and Davis, a sophomore at Collierville High School.

I began teaching and directing the Sunday School program, here at St. Louis, for several years and helped with sacramental preparations, PRE, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, and school liturgies. I taught first grade at Woodland Presbyterian School for two years and second grade at Lausanne Collegiate School for 17 years. After many months of praying for guidance, I was led to return 'home' to St. Louis. I am very excited and humbled to be part of God's plan here.



Mrs. Kathryn Kaiser Mosteller—6th Grade



I am so excited to have my dream job of teaching sixth grade at St. Louis School. St. Louis has been my home since I was six years old. I am a St. Louis School, St. Agnes Academy, and Vanderbilt University graduate. After graduating with a degree in elementary education, I taught junior high in a Catholic

school in Atlanta. My husband, Mark, and I moved back to our hometown, Memphis, in 1990. I then taught seventh grade math at Kirby Middle School. In 1995, I began staying at home to raise my three sons, Mark, William, and Andrew, while staying involved at St. Louis though volunteering and substituting.



Mrs. Alysson Reese—Junior High Grammar & Writing

Hello, I'm Alysson Reese, and have been a parishioner at St. Louis for years. I have a Master's of Education from Christian Brothers University, a BA in Journalism/English from University of Memphis, and she spent two years studying at St. Mary's College at Notre Dame (Go Irish!). I have also taught at St. Ann Bartlett, St. Agnes Academy/St. Dominic School, Administer Community Primary School in Axminster, England, and Lausanne Collegiate School. My husband, Spencer, teaches at MUS, and we have a daughter, Poppy. I am looking forward to meeting you all and having a great year.



Mrs. Catherine Thornton—Junior High Math

My name is Catherine Thornton, and I am very excited about being a new teacher here at St. Louis! I attended LSU and received both my undergraduate and master's degree in Elementary

Education. I am also certified in teaching gifted and talented students. I am originally from Shreveport, Louisiana where I taught sixth and seventh grade gifted advanced math for three years. Last year I moved to Memphis with my husband for his ENT medical residency, here at the University of Tennessee, and I taught third grade at another Diocesan school. I can't wait to get to know each and every one of you!



Nick Dwyer – Junior High Science

I was born in Memphis, TN, and have three brothers, one that is currently a senior at CBHS, and two others in 6th and 7th grade. I graduated from Christian Brothers High School, class of 2000, and went on to graduate from the University of Memphis in 2006 with a BS in biology and a minor in chemistry. I am currently working on a Master's at the U of Memphis.

I have enjoyed being the head cross country coach and assistant track coach at CBHS since 2002. I know this will be a great year at St. Louis and I am looking forward to getting to know you all better.

Special Teachers



Jenna Jauchler—Spanish, Grades 5-8

I received my B.A. from the University of Memphis with concentrations in English as a Second Language (ESL) and Spanish. I have studied the Spanish language and literature in

Salamanca, Spain and completed a year-long language and culture teaching internship through Spain's Ministry of Education. Placed in the Mediterranean city, Roquetas de Mar, I worked in both primary and secondary schools assisting in a newly instituted bilingual education program. After my return to the U.S., I taught ESL to adult internationals and tutored privately. I am currently pursuing a Master's at Christian Brothers University. As a new teacher to Saint Louis School, I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experiences with all of my classes.

Mrs. Mary Sellers—Music

I have ten years of classroom teaching and choral directing experience in various churches and public schools in both the greater Memphis and Kansas City areas, including White Station High School, West Tennessee Diocese Liturgical Institute, and the Kansas City Middle School for the Performing Arts. My school choirs have performed in St. Louis, Washington D.C., Disneyworld, and Carnegie Hall. Each year my groups participate in solo and ensemble, and choral festivals.



I am currently the music director at Collierville Presbyterian Church, and my primary instruments are piano, voice, and violin. I am also currently finishing my Master in Musicology degree at the University of Memphis.

I also enjoy bluegrass music, hiking, waterfalls, swimming, bicycling, and being a devoted parent to my four-year old dachshund, Baxter, with my husband Ryan. I look forward to helping you all grow in your talents or try something new!



Annie Cervetti—Grades K-4

I am originally from Dallas, TX. I attended Woodrow Wilson High School, which is the home of several famous alumni including Carol Shelby and Tim Brown. I moved to Tennessee from Texas with my husband of

13 years, Larry. I graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a minor in Women's Studies. I have 2 children, Sophie and Amelia, ages 8 and 7. I am looking forward to being your teacher this school year!

Rosie Wedaman—Learning Lab Grades 7-8

I'm Rosie Wedaman and I am excited that I will be teaching seventh and eighth grade Learning Lab. I am a member of St. Louis parish and a native Memphian. I am a graduate of the University of Memphis with a Special Education degree. I am a strong believer in Catholic education and look forward to being a part of it this school year.



Sr. Yosefa – Junior High Lab Assistant

Hello, I'm Sr. Yosefa from the Sisters of Charity of St. Charles Borromeo (CB) Memphis. I am originally from Indonesia, where I received my degree in Microbiology. I have also spent many years teaching, counseling, and assisting with leadership retreats. I am very happy to be a part of St. Louis School this year.



Monsignor McArthur enjoying Mrs. Hansom's class.