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1st Grade Instructional Assistant—**Mrs. Judy Thomas** is joining our instructional staff this year in 1st grade. She brings to the 1st grade team her love of Catholic education and her knowledge of the students.

K-3 Spanish—**Mrs. Elizabeth McDuffie (Ellie)** will be sharing her love of the Hispanic culture and language with our young students. Ellie has taught in Catholic schools previously as well as worked with young primary grade level students. She will also be assisting in our Extended Day program in the afternoons.

2nd grade – **Ms. Cassie Canino** comes to us from North Carolina—a recent graduate of ECU! She is eager and excited to join our community and to share her strong background in Reading instruction with all of us.

4th grade- **Ms. Kathleen Todd** comes all the way from Spain to join our faculty! She is actually from this area and is rejoining her family in Alexandria. She is a strong collaborator and is ready to work with Julie as a member of the 4th grade team.

Technology—**Ms. Kate Karau** is not new to St. Louis as she joined our team last year as a long term substitute, but she is now officially teaching Technology to K-8 students.

Middle School English—**Mrs. Cathleen Brown (Katie)** joins our MS team. She has taught 4th grade and Physical Education/Health in the Diocese of Arlington at St. Francis in Triangle, VA previously.

Middle School Science—**Mrs. Karen Miller** is also not new but she re-joins her teaching partner in 8th grade and will be teaching 7th and 8th grade Science as well as continuing in her role as STEM teacher.

Middle School Science/Social Studies—**Mrs. Jennifer Bobrowski** is a military spouse whose family has recently moved to our area and will join our 6th grade teaching team sharing homeroom and instructional responsibilities with Mrs. Jaime Orr. Jennifer has experience teaching 4th grade in DoDea schools as well as parochial schools and a strong Math/Science background.

Additionally, I have hired some extra hands to join our team and to assist as needed throughout the classrooms both virtually and in the brick and mortar settings. **Ms. Jessica Miller** joins us as a floater, instructional assistant, front office secretary and more. She is bringing her wonderful personality and enthusiasm to our community. **Mrs. Cheryl Masaitis-Spychaj** will join our morning Extended Day program five days a week and also will work with the lower hall team as a Reading/Math assistant and an extra set of hands 3 days a week. Cheryl retired from the public school setting and is happily willing to share her expertise with our younger grades—we look forward to having her assist with ELA particularly. Lastly, **Mrs. Dorothy Willette** will be helping in the Preschool program 3 days a week particularly with some of the technology pieces and as an aide when needed.

We are blessed to have such a strong, qualified staff, eager to collaborate with one another and work with our families. Please pray for all of our teachers as they prepare for the new school year!