

The New Heart of SV

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Although math problems have only one answer, the new math teacher herself is very universal bringing many impressive qualities to our community. With each of the new teachers St. Vincent's has been given, our community grows stronger. The 2016-2017 school year is already filled with bright new faces roaming the halls and classrooms. Each faculty member has brought their own unique set of skills and qualities that gives our school the upstanding reputation it is known for.

One particular face that has been making our school a brighter place is Ms. Monique Pearl. Ms. Pearl teaches all varieties of math including Algebra 1 and 2 at SV. She has been teaching for several years now and states how much joy she receives from it. "My favorite thing about teaching is seeing how educated and dedicated the students I teach are. I also enjoy seeing each student reach their full potential," Says Ms. Pearl.

As Ms. Pearl teaches me, I notice how much she cares for each student. She will not hesitate to go back and make sure everyone understands the concept she is teaching. She tries to make a connection with her students so they feel comfortable talking to her and asking questions in class. She creates a very comfortable environment for her classroom so her students feel safe and secure.

Ms. Pearl enjoys many other hobbies outside of her love for teaching. Growing up in Daly City, California, she has a half sibling she keeps in contact with. "I enjoy exercising, running my dog, as well as remodeling my house," says, Ms. Pearl. "I also love doing stained glass projects," she adds. She describes herself as Enthusiastic, curious, and nerdy. "I have a daughter named Sonja who is 24 and a son named Erik who is 20," comments Ms. Pearl. As she tells us about her personal life, we get a better understanding of who our new favorite teacher really is.

"Before I came to St. Vincent's, I worked two different jobs at Sonoma State University," she said. "One of them was serving students with disabilities and low income students. I taught mathematics for that population," States Ms. Pearl. This job exhibits the complete devotion she gives to her students no matter who they are. Her background proves her qualification and experience for being a teacher at St. Vincent's.

"I love the students I teach at St. Vincent's. So far each one is really committed to their school work. I also like the parental involvement and how they really try and keep their students on track and push their children to reach the fullest potential possible," Says Ms. Pearl.

"I love how she doesn't rush through the concepts she teaches us to make sure we all understand it fully." Says junior, Kelly Stuhldreher.

Ms. Pearl has only been apart of our community for a few months, but it appears students like myself are already forming a bond with her that is unbreakable and will only continue to grow stronger.