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Dear St. Ann School families,

Good afternoon! We are so excited about the 2021-2022 year at St. Ann School! We have many wonderful things in store, including brand-new Science and Religion curricula, technology upgrades, and much more! Our Science curriculum is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, the gold standard for Science education, and was just published in 2020. This new curriculum is project-based and has a student-directed STEM activity at the conclusion of each unit. The Religion curriculum is now standardized throughout the Diocese of Gaylord and has a fresh, modern feel while still holding true to the Catholic faith.

We thought you also might be interested in learning more about Sheila Bosman and myself.

A bit about Sheila:

Sheila earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Teaching from Michigan State University in 1986. Since that time, she has lived in Cadillac, teaching for Cadillac Area Public Schools and St. Ann. Over the years, she pursued her Master's degree in child development from Central Michigan University and was the first GSRP (now MSRP) preschool teacher in Cadillac. Sheila has taught preschool ages 3 and 4, Junior Kindergarten (young 5s), Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade. Sheila was on the first team of teachers in CAPS to teach multi-age primary programming for Kindergarten, First and Second graders. Sheila married a teacher with whom she has raised two children. Sheila has enjoyed her "semi-retirement" teaching at St. Ann and loves her time with the kiddos in our school.

A bit about myself:

I have both a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences as well as a Doctorate in Immunology and Microbiology from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduation, I moved to Hershey, PA, and worked at The Penn State University Hershey Medical Center, doing research into infectious viral diseases. After a few years staying home to raise my children, I enrolled at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA, in the Religious Education and Lay Ministry Certificate Program, with a goal of becoming a Director of Religious Education. Before completing the program, however, I moved back to Michigan and began to work at St. Ann School in 2007. I enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University and acquired my State of Michigan Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education, with an emphasis in Integrated Science and Mathematics. In addition to teaching 5th, 6th, and 7th grades at St Ann School, other teaching roles I've had include: Adjunct Professor at Baker College in Cadillac; Guest Lecturer at Oakland University in Rochester, MI; MichiganWorks YouthBuild GED instructor; RCIA instructor; Catholic Youth Group Faith Formation instructor; and Teaching Assistant at Wayne State University Medical School.

Sheila and I are excited to share the roles of Co-Lead Teachers! We are part of a strong school with a proven history of excellence in educating the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. We are a staff of experienced, veteran teachers who are passionate about St. Ann School and confident in our ability to continue this tradition until God provides our next principal.

The following is our plan for the responsibilities Sheila and I will oversee, along with guidance and input of Fr. Michael, Fr. Kowalkowski, Tisch Neiss, Brenda Christensen, and the Diocese of Gaylord:

- Sheila: scheduling and organization
- Lynn: parent concerns, student discipline, religious leadership within the school

Tisch and Brenda will continue in their roles as outstanding and knowledgeable administrative assistants in the school office. Under the leadership of Bob Kellogg, St. Ann School has become a “well-oiled machine,” and the entire staff is excited and confident about the new year. We are well-prepared and confident in our ability to maintain this tradition, and to lead and succeed well into the future!. Please feel free to contact either Sheila or myself with concerns that you may have.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you next Wednesday evening, August 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for our Open House. Please stop in our rooms (JrK and 5th) to say hello! Have a great weekend!

Christ's peace,

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