

Curriculum and Professional Development

Literacy Program: Lucy Calkins Units of Study reading and leveled books have been purchased, as well as the Fountas and Pinnell Word Study materials, for K-5 grades in all of our elementary schools. Over 25 teachers attended a session in late July to get acquainted with the new materials; they are excited that SMCS has chosen to invest in these nationally recognized instructional materials to support student literacy.

Admissions/Enrollment

Some movement continues in enrollment, with parents making final changes in the final weeks leading up to the start of our new school year. The numbers as of August 11, 2017:

	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Elementary:	446 (334K-5; 112 preschool/preK)	465 (358/107)
Middle:	176	176
High:	240	242
Total:	862	883

Staffing Transfers/Changes/Hires for 2017-18

Pamela Stark	HS Principal
Debra VanDerslice	Food Service
Heather Gruber	SMM PK Teacher 5 day
Jeana Johnson	SMM 5 th Grade
Lori Probst	HS part-time business teacher
Ralph Norton	HS part-time intern & HS/MS counselor (mental health support)
Holly Bekkers	SMM P3 Teacher 5 day
Lauren Jares	SG 5th grade teacher
Donna Liddy	SMM extended care
Judith Blaney	SM 5th grade
Stacy Sweetella	SM 3rd grade (transfer from SMM); Aquinas Program Coordinator
Melissa Sirstins	HS Art
Maggie Knecht	HS Science
Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss	Director of Admissions/Fitness Center Manager

Open Positions

Reading Specialist – Elementary (interviews in process)
Z-fest Coordinator (interviews in process)

Business Services: Finance-Technology-Food Service

- The 2016-17 audit began on August 14, 2017; audit appears clean after three days.
- A technology fund-raising campaign was launched to address additional server capability to support our system/parish internet needs.

Facilities

The band room, music offices, fine arts storage, and Resource Center (IMC) remodeling projects are nearing completion, just in time for the start of school!

The Fitness Center construction is on schedule and equipment installation planned for August 28th.

Fund Development & Alumni Relations

Annual Fund closed at just over \$187,000! The 2017-18 plans are in process of development.

Z-NIGHT: November 11th. This is replacing the Jumbo Gumbo event, but is expanded to all Zephyrs alumni, along with current Zephyrs families. Event tickets will be \$25/person (much less than Jumbo Gumbo event tickets) and will go toward SMCS family fundraising fee. The SMC Athletic Hall of Fame will also induct new members that evening.

Zephyrs Gold: Raffle ticket program to generate additional revenue, as well as be another option for SMCS parents to fulfill their fundraising fee. Raffle ticket is \$25 each. Great prizes to be given away November through April!

Zephyrfest Coordinator: We are working through interview process and hope to have new person on board very soon. Reminder: April 21, 2018 is the Zephyrfest date at the new Fox Cities Exhibition hall.

Athletics:

- Tennis court restoration *Rally for the Courts* fundraiser exceeded \$120,000 in donations
- *Fields of Dreams* project has been completed!