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SMCS Announces New Administrators for 2018-19



Patricia Fouts



Peter Post



Jill Ahles



Sandra Piotrowski

St. Mary Catholic Schools President Helen Englebert is delighted to announce the appointment of several new administrators to the SMCS community. These positions include St. Mary Catholic High School Principal, Associate Principal of St. Mary Catholic High School, St. Mary Catholic Middle School Principal and St. Mary Elementary School Principal.

Patricia Fouts will be leading St. Mary Catholic High School as the new principal. Fouts holds a bachelor's degree in Broad Field Social Studies from UW-LaCrosse, and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Marian University, where she earned her Principal certification. Fouts also attained an Alternative Education certification from Concordia University. Fouts' previous experience encompasses classroom teaching, curriculum planning and development, post-secondary student planning, student assistance programs, professional learning communities, and school-wide literacy. Most recently, Fouts was the Department Head/Teacher for Alternative Education at Hortonville High School. She previously worked as a CESA 6 Director at Fox Valley High School in Menasha working with at-risk students and has several years of teaching experience.

Peter Post has been promoted to the newly designed position of Associate Principal at the high school. Post obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education and Physical Education from UW-La Crosse, where he also earned his Master of Science degree in Adapted Physical Education. Post is currently pursuing his Administrative and Curriculum/Development licenses through Silver Lake College. With 15 years of teaching experience, Post has taught health and physical education classes at St. Mary Catholic High School for the past 11 years. A varsity track coach for many years, Post has created many strength and conditioning programs for student growth and enrichment; he will continue to teach the CAPP Active Lifestyles class (UW-Oshkosh) as part of his new responsibilities.

Jill Ahles will be the new principal at St. Mary Catholic Middle School, transferring from St. Mary Elementary in Menasha where she served for four years as a teaching principal. Ahles' previous experience includes 11 years at the former Seton (middle school), where she taught science, social studies, and religion. Ahles has led multiple programs for the system including Project Lead the Way (PLTW), STEM and robotics integration, and project-based learning initiatives. Completing her bachelor's degree in Education from UW-Oshkosh, Ahles earned her Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Development from Marian University.

Sandra Piotrowski has been hired as the new St. Mary Elementary School Principal. Mrs. Piotrowski graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communicative Disorders, specializing in Speech Pathology. She then earned a master's degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from UW-Oshkosh, and attained her Administrator and Director of Curriculum Instruction licenses from Viterbo University. Mrs. Piotrowski taught for the Menasha Joint School District for 16 years as a special education teacher, then served as principal at Most Precious Blood Catholic School in New London for the past two years.

SMCS President Helen Englebert, stated, "Each of these educators, whether new to SMCS or beginning a new position within the system, is excited to progressively move ahead to invigorate St. Mary Catholic Schools' commitment to educating and inspiring our community leaders of tomorrow."

St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) includes St. Mary Catholic High School and St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Village of Fox Crossing and St. Mary Elementary Schools (St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel in Neenah, and St. Mary in Menasha). SMCS is dedicated to the individual development of each student in grades Pre3-12, by providing the highest quality education focused on faith, academics and service in a rapidly changing world.

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