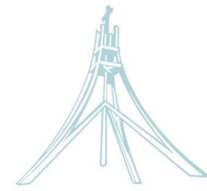




# North American Martyrs Catholic School

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Dear North American Martyrs Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of North American Martyrs School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another amazing school year! We are all excited to have the students back in our classrooms and hallways filling our school with their vibrant energy and enthusiasm.



It is our goal to help every child feel loved, welcomed, and a part of our N.A.M. family. We also strive to challenge each child to grow academically. At N.A.M. School, we have amazing teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities that will engage our students in learning. We also have some great additions to our school family this year. Mrs. Kristen Morton will be joining us full-time this year as our middle school math and science teacher as well as the sixth grade religion teacher. She will also be joining Mr. Andrew McCloskey in a newly formed push-in cooperative teaching math program with our third grade students. These students will surely benefit from their collaboration which will allow for differentiated instruction and small group learning. Mr. McCloskey will also be teaching middle school social studies in the mornings and third grade social studies, science, and religion in the afternoons. We are pleased to have him as part of our school family. We are also happy to welcome our new Spanish teacher, Ms. Bernadette Fischer, to the N.A.M. family. We are sad to report, however, that Mr. Michael Gaitaniella has stepped down as our computer education teacher. We are actively conducting interviews to fill this position with the candidate who will best serve our children and our N.A.M. family.

In addition to the new teachers that have been added to our faculty, we will also continue to find new and innovative ways to improve our curriculum and educational programs. We will be placing a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.) again this year. We have also revamped our Media Center. In addition to the new All-In-One computers, our Media Center will also include an innovative Makerspace and several options for reading and researching in an enriching environment. Our middle schoolers will be issued Chromebooks again this year for continued access to academic applications within the classroom as well as at home. All of our elementary classrooms will have laptop centers and All-In-One computers for research and small group activities. All of our classrooms, grades K-8 plus the Spanish/Music room, have SMART Boards, and our preschool has a SMART Table for academic use.

We are also looking forward to a productive partnership with our school families to ensure that each and every child can achieve to his/her highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful, our children need support from both the home and school. We know that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success. This success takes place both at school and at home, and it benefits the children when we all are working cooperatively. In the end, we all have the children's best interests at heart.

As part of this partnership, please consider joining in to help out at our school. Our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's programs and operations. We

are always looking for volunteers to help out at lunch/recess, on fundraising committees and projects, and at special school events and activities. Please consider getting involved. Your participation strengthens the family atmosphere that we hold so dear here at N.A.M. School.

While this is my first year as Lead Administrator of N.A.M. School, I have been a part of the N.A.M. family for over 20 years, teaching first through third grades. This school has played such an important part in my life over the past two decades, and I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve the N.A.M. family in this new and exciting role. It is truly a privilege to be part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and work to build positive relationships that support academic, social, and spiritual growth. I am also happy to share that I will still be active in the classroom. I will continue to teach third grade reading, language arts, and English. I am very excited to be using a variety of novels this year as part of our third grade curriculum. I am eager to share these great stories with my students. I believe that the third grade students will benefit greatly from the cooperative education they will receive from myself, Mr. McCloskey, and Mrs. Morton. Whether you are a new N.A.M. family or a returning family, I am positive that the year ahead will be a rewarding experience for your child. A commitment toward working with, understanding, and nurturing each and every child is a part of the reason why N.A.M. School is such a wonderful place for children to learn and grow. We recognize that every child requires differentiation and has special gifts unique to his/her calling. At N.A.M., our teachers go above and beyond to ensure that all students' academic, social, emotional, and spiritual needs are met. Respect and compassion resonate in our hallways. Our students grow in their faith, experiencing the fulfilling love of God and the desire to serve others.

The amazing N.A.M. faculty, staff, and I feel privileged to be part of our wonderful school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to making a difference in your child's life!  
God bless,

Nikki Laubham  
Lead Administrator

