

Farewell and thank you to the following outgoing staff members:

Time does not stand still and change is inevitable. We have some changes to our staffing for the upcoming school year that I'll be updating you on over the month of May. First, I want to make sure we say a well-deserved thank you to some outstanding staff members that will be leaving us.

Kevin VanderWal, 6th Grade Teacher

We thank Kevin for his 9 years of service to Timothy Christian. Mr. VanderWal has been a 6th grade Math and Bible teacher as well as basketball coach. He has a passion for the outdoors and loves to customize his lessons to make them personal and funny for his students. His enthusiasm in the classroom translated to engaging lessons for students - he will be missed!.

Deanne Brouwer, 5th Grade Teacher

Deanne has been a teacher at Timothy for 4 years. She quickly became an important member of the 5th grade team as the Math and Bible teacher. Mrs. Brouwer's love for God and her students came through in her teaching each day. Mrs. Brouwer decided to be a stay at home mom after having her first baby this May. Congratulations to the Brouwer family. You'll be missed!

Sarah Piasecki, Resource

In just a short three years, Mrs. Piasecki has become an expert interventionist and fantastic support to students, staff, and parents. We know God has great plans for her in Boston while her husband pursues his PhD, but it will take two new hires to fill her shoes at TC!

We welcome the following new staff to the Timothy family:

2021-2022 New Staff Hires

3rd Grade: Taking Brad Groenewold Vacancy caused by STREAM role

Ashley Gudeman (pronounced Good-men)

Ashley was a finalist during our summer interviews for our Advanced Learning teacher. At the time the whole team agreed she'd make a great addition to our staff as a classroom teacher. She has 6 years of experience in a variety of roles and is currently a 3rd grade teacher in Orland Park. She earned her BA at Hope college including certification in Special Education.

5th Grade: Taking Deanne Brouwer's Leave

Macy Ditchfield

Mrs. Ditchfield is a former Timothy Christian student with 2 years experience teaching 3rd grade at Little Rock Christian Academy. She student taught in 5th grade and has a love of that grade

level. She is a natural leader that exudes positivity and a love for Christ. Her experience using iPads in the classroom will greatly benefit our 5th grade team and her students this year.

6th Grade: Adding a 4th section

Jessica Vander Naald

Jessica didn't originally apply to this position, but the 3rd/5th interview team loved her and we all think she'll make an excellent addition to our 6th grade team. Jessica has 11 years of teaching experience at Daystar Academy, a Christian school in Chicago. She was first hired to take over for a 4th grade teacher that quit mid year because of a challenging group of students. Jessica took over the 4th grade class that was mainly boys and turned their year around. She has since taught 2nd grade. She earned her BA in Elementary Education from Calvin College and minored in Math and Science.

Resource Teacher: Filling Sarah Piasecki's vacancy

Sarah Tomich (pronounced Tow-mitch)

Every person that has spent any time with Sarah all describe her the same way - wise. That's incredible after realizing she is soon to be a college grad. Sarah has done a great job student teaching this spring in 2nd grade. She asked to be observed by several administrators that all saw her natural ability. She finishes at Wheaton with a degree in elementary education as well as her LBS1 for Special Education.

Resource Teacher: Additional position created for 2021 school year

Julie Horn

Ms. Horn has a variety of great experiences working with students that need specialized support. Her expertise will allow us more flexibility in accepting students with special needs. Her experience will also pair well with our other resource teacher, who will be new to teaching full time.

6th Grade: Filling Kevin Vanderwal's resignation

Emma Camillone

Miss Camillone has a Bachelors in Sociology from Wheaton College. She'll receive her Masters in Education from Wheaton this December as all her course work is completed and only has her action research paper to complete. She's certified to teach grades 1-6 and also has her English as a Second Language Endorsement (Grades Pre-K through 12). Emma went through a rigorous screening process and was the top choice by everyone that had a chance to meet her. First impressions and references all concluded that Emma has an unwavering faith, commitment to excellence, and passion for taking on leadership roles.

Social Work Paid Internship ~ 1day/week

Mosby Hardin

We are excited to be able to offer Mosby Hardin a paid internship for one day a week next year. Most of you know Mosby as she has been interning with us for the last two years. She has degrees in Psychology, Child Development and Professional Counseling. Mosby taught Kindergarten and fourth grade for a few years before deciding to go back to school at Wheaton College to get her Doctorate of Psychology. Mosby has been able to build a rapport and trust with staff and students over the last two years. She will be a great asset to our team.