

Good morning SJS Community,

While we are still processing and grappling with the departure of Mrs. Suzanne Sullivan, I am excited to announce the extraordinary individual that will be moving into her role. When Fr. Tom and I met with Suzanne earlier this summer, she had a strong suggestion for who should take over her role. When she mentioned the name, Fr. Tom and I immediately said YES, of course! Mrs. Dora Foster will begin work as Administrative Assistant at St. John School in August.

Mrs. Foster has been a fixture at St. John School for 10 years, since the school was recommended to her through a mutual friend/hairdresser by no other than Suzanne Sullivan. Mrs. Foster's son, Cameron began at St. John School in prekindergarten and graduated this year. During this time, Mrs. Foster became immersed in St. John School culture. She served as a Room Parent and then as a substitute teacher. When we expanded our school because of COVID, Mrs. Foster became a full-time staff member. Over the past four years she has served as the Grade 3 aid, the preschool aid, the Grade 2 aid, and the kindergarten aid. Her experience with and knowledge of St. John School spans all grades and roles. This is exactly what is needed in the Administrative Assistant role.

Before working at St. John School, Mrs. Foster had a career in Property Management, Real Estate, and Customer Service. She knows how to work with and for people. She lives in Stoughton and is an active member of Immaculate Conception Parish. In addition, as a native speaker, she is fluent in Portuguese.

I have loved getting to know Dora over the 8 years I have been at St. John School and seeing her become a larger part of our community. She has an amazing story and a passion for this school. Fr. Tom and I are excited to have her on our leadership team. She will love and serve our entire community.

This shift in roles requires another shift. Ms. Sandy Branco will move into the Kindergarten Aid role, assisting Ms. McGrath. Ms. Branco has been at SJS for almost three years, supporting our Grade 4 and 5 students as an aid and long-term sub and will be a fantastic addition to our Kindergarten family. Her energy and patience will fit right in.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the transition or the new roles.

Chris