

Good afternoon SJS Community,

During the past few months, we have been working on a plan around our student services at St. John School. This includes remediation and enrichment programs, push-in and pull-out services, as well as guidance and speech services. I am happy to share parts of the plan with you today.

Mrs. Cheryl Fleming will be taking on a modified role next year. In addition to her role as Guidance Counselor, she will also serve as our Director of Student Services. In this role she will be responsible for oversight of all student service staff. She will work with teachers and support staff on scheduling and effectively using everyone's time and talent. She will also be our main contact for all outside testing (public/IEP/Core Evaluation/504 and private). While Mrs. Fleming will continue all her wonderful guidance services, including teaching Second Step to Kindergarten through Grade 8, she will give up her small math support groups, which will fall to other staff. We believe this shift will allow for a more unified approach to meeting the needs of every student at St. John School.

For next year, we will also shift the roles of Ms. Sandy Branco and Mrs. Trish Saponaro, who are currently classroom aides. They will each move into the role of Learning Consultant and will work primarily with kindergarten through Grade 3 students, pushing in to classroom and providing pull out for small group support (remediation and enrichment). Both Ms. Branco and Mrs. Saponaro are taking professional development this summer to enhance their literacy teaching skills.

Next year we will also continue to utilize the services of Mrs. Amanda Czarnecki, our Speech-Language Pathologist, who has done a fantastic job the past two years providing individual, small group, and whole class speech services.

A final component of our student services are our part time Reading/Math Interventionists, who are funded through proportional share funding. Mrs. Anne MacLeod and Mrs. Jen Ross are both part of our plan and more details on their roles will emerge once state funding is finalized in the summer.

Overall, this plan, particularly with Mrs. Fleming overseeing scheduling and services, will unify our approach and provide more opportunity for St. John School

to meet the needs of every student. With a full time Director of Student Services/Guidance Counselor, two full time Learning Consultants, two part time Reading/Math Interventionists, a part time Speech Language Pathologist, as well as a full time nurse, there are an abundance of resources at St. John School for our students.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If you have any questions about outside testing services, private or public, feel free to contact me or Mrs. Fleming.

Chris