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Dear All Saints Academy Middle School Families,

We have some schedule updates to share with you as we get ready for the 2019-2020 school. In addition to Mr. Fillman taking a new STEM opportunity, we have recently learned that Miss Herdegen has accepted a new position outside of ASA. Both Mr. Fillman and Miss Herdegen will certainly be missed and we wish them well!

We are excited for some new, creative, and innovative scheduling options at the Middle School this year. First, we are incredibly blessed to have Mr. Kress move up to middle school math! I am also very excited for the opportunity to teach middle school science again! I look forward to adding the 4th/5th grade STEM class as well!

Mr. Kress will remain the 5th grade homeroom teacher and teach 5th grade math and science again this year. With Mr. Kress moving to middle school math, the 5th grade class will also get the chance to meet and have class with some of the middle school teachers in a departmentalized transitional schedule. They will see Mrs. Zimelis for Language Arts and Mr. Matlak for Social Studies.

With eight students in the incoming 4th grade we are going to connect the 4th & 5th grade for some of their specials classes and religion for additional learning group opportunities. They will also periodically participate in math and language arts SMART (Students Moving Around Teachers) groups throughout the week. For additional socialization opportunities and more balanced space at recess and lunch we will have 4th, 5th, & 6th grade in first lunch and second recess. The 7th and 8th grades will have recess together first and then second lunch.

7th grade will report to Mrs. Patterson as one group this year for homeroom, but then break into two separate groups to rotate through their daily schedule. Additionally, they will be separated into math SMART groups that may be a little different from their core class groupings. These groups will be made available at Ice Cream Social.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs. Gibson as our new Middle School Interventionist this year as well as a few new middle school students!

2019-2020 is shaping up to be an exciting new year! We will be putting homeroom and schedule information into Infinite Campus on Tuesday in preparation for the first day of school on Thursday. Canvas courses will be updated and shared out within the first few weeks of the new school year.

Looking forward to a great new school year!

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