



## FACULTY AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

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**SECOND GRADE:** Joining Barbara Kelly as a second grade co-teacher will be Daniel Bousquet. Daniel, or “Danny” as he prefers to be called, was the lead teacher in a second grade classroom at the Spence School in New York City. He is a 2008 graduate of Bates College, and is also working on his M.Ed. at Bank Street College in New York, which he is scheduled to complete in the summer of 2012. We had some very strong candidates for this position. We had three on-site interviews, and all who participated in the process were in agreement that Danny was clearly the best candidate. In addition, Donna Staller went to New York to observe him in his own classroom and came away extremely impressed, an impression that was confirmed by many with whom Donna spoke at the Spence School. We are all delighted to have another male in the lower school.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Joining Brendan McEachern as a co-teacher in the fifth grade will be Caroline Kepka. Caroline is a 2008 graduate of the University of Colorado with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. From 2008 to 2010 she worked at the University School of Milwaukee as an in-house substitute in the middle school (grades 5-8). In 2010 she moved to Seabrook, NH and has been working as a Teacher Naturalist for Mass Audubon. She will be the lead teacher in science and math in the fifth grade. Caroline is also a three-time member of the U. S. Olympic Speedskating Team and just missed a medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics, placing fourth in short track. As one of her references stated, “Caroline will be a superb role model in a school, not just because of her Olympic background, but due to her grounded, positive, and dedicated nature of wanting to work with students and see them succeed as students, athletes, and individuals.

**SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE:** We are pleased to welcome Leslie Beaulieu as our new sixth grade science teacher. Leslie is a resident of the north shore and has about thirty years of experience teaching science in elementary and middle schools, both public and independent. Currently she works part time as a science consultant to the Gloucester Public Schools. Leslie has a B.S. in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Massachusetts and a M.Ed. in Environmental Studies from Tufts University. Her teaching philosophy is an excellent match for Glen Urquhart. She is described by her colleagues as a very student centered teacher who develops engaging, experiential lessons. She has considerable experience in curriculum development as well as in the classroom.

**SIXTH AND EIGHTH GRADE MATH:** Julie Wyman, who is also a resident of the north shore, has been teaching pre-algebra and algebra at O’Maley Middle School in Gloucester since 2004. Prior to that she has worked as a Math Mentor Teacher at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, a math and science teacher at a public charter school, and an educational web developer for CAST. She has had her eye on a job at GUS for several years because she feels quite in synch with our teaching philosophy. She has come here for visits and knows some of our faculty. Julie has a B.A. in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts and an Ed.M. in Math and Science from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. As one of her references stated, “Julie has a passion for math, and this passion is evident anytime she learns a new way to connect math to the everyday world or anytime a student solves a problem in an unexpected way.”

**SEVENTH GRADE ENGLISH:** Sydney Clarke is returning to the GUS faculty after a seven year absence as the seventh grade English teacher. Sydney was the fifth grade co-teacher at GUS from 1995 to 2003 when she left to become a full time mom. Sydney was at GUS when I arrived in 1997, and I quickly identified her as one of the stars of the faculty. She was an outstanding language arts teacher with a particular strength for teaching writing. She also had excellent rapport with both students and parents. I have known very few teachers who were more respected by parents than Sydney. She has also worked at GUS as a lacrosse coach for the upper school. Sydney has a B.A. in History from Trinity College and an M.S. in Education from Wheelock College. In addition, Sydney served on the GUS Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2007. Her two children, Riley (second grade) and Max (kindergarten), will also be entering GUS.

**SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE LATIN:** Moving up from the south is Arcie Petty, who has been hired to teach Latin in the upper school. Most recently he taught Latin at the Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC. However, he is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Latin and Greek, and he is very happy to move back to this area to teach and to do some graduate work in classics. In addition to teaching at Providence Day School, he also taught two years at the Asheville School. Arcie spent one day at GUS just before spring break, taught a sample lesson to a seventh grade Latin class, and impressed everyone with his knowledge, his rapport with the students, and his overall bearing. Arcie has taught Latin from introductory level through Advanced Placement, taught Greek, coached basketball and track, and been a coxswain on crew. In addition to Latin and Greek, he is proficient in German and conversant in Italian.

**EIGHTH GRADE HUMANITIES:** Filling the position of Humanities Teacher for the eighth grade will be Jeffrey Bartsch. Jeffrey is a career changer who was formerly a furniture maker and went back to school to become a teacher. He did his apprentice teaching at Shady Hill School in 2005-06. From 2006 to 2010 he worked at Pingry School (NJ) as a history and English teacher in 7th grade and also a coach. In the summer of 2010 he and his family moved to Providence for his wife's job. This past year he has been working at an alternative school called School One in Providence. During the summers of 2004 through 2009, he was a summer arts instructor at Middlesex School, where he taught woodworking, sculpture, and creative writing. His colleagues and supervisors describe him as a magical teacher who really connects with his students. He played a major role in revising the curriculum at Pingry and exhibited wonderful relations with colleagues. He is also described as beloved by his students (many were in tears when they heard he was leaving Pingry), very centered, and personable. Overall, he is a deeply caring individual who is extraordinarily giving of his time. His direct supervisor at Pingry said, "He was a gem. We would hire him back in a second." Jeffrey has a B.A. in American Studies from Trinity College and a M.Ed. in History from Tufts.

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH GRADE SPANISH:** Replacing Ruth Cardona, who resigned during the summer, will be Kristen Cressey. A graduate of Hope College (B.A. in Spanish and Political Science) and Boston College (M. Ed. in Secondary Education), Kristen has more than ten years of experience teaching Spanish to elementary school students. From 1994 to 2002 she taught in the Lynnfield, Danvers, and Hamilton-Wenham public school systems. When the Spanish program in elementary grades was eliminated in Hamilton-Wenham due to budget cuts, Kristen started her own after-school Spanish program for children in pre-school through eighth grade. That program, called "Crossing Borders", continued from 2002 through this past academic year. Now she is eager to return to a regular classroom. Kristen's educational philosophy is a perfect match for Glen Urquhart, and I'm confident that her warm and nurturing personality will be greatly appreciated by our students.

**LIBRARIAN AND EIGHTH GRADE WRITING LAB:** An experienced writer, editor, and book lover, Joanne Crerand will be taking over in the library, along with teaching the eighth grade Writing Lab course. No stranger to GUS, Joanne is the mother of one GUS graduate (Class of 2011) and a current sixth grader. Joanne has a B.S. in Cinema Studies and Photography from Ithaca College, and a M.A. in English from Northeastern University. She has extensive experience as an editor, copywriter, technical writer, freelance writer, proofreader, and production manager. Her love of children's literature is well known to anyone who has ever visited the GUS Book Fair, which she has helped organize the past several years.

**SIXTH GRADE SPORTS:** We are replacing one GUS alumnus with another when Ware Cady takes over as the sixth grade sports coach, working alongside Annie Barton. Ware graduated from Cornell University this past May with a degree in Applied Economics & Management. He graduated from Pingree School in 2007, where he was Co-Captain of the Men's Varsity Soccer Team. He graduated from Glen Urquhart in 2003, where he was a standout soccer player and all around athlete. He was also one of the Graduation speakers for the Class of 2011. Ware will be a wonderful role model for our sixth graders.