

Faculty Farewells

Four Saint George's educators bid farewell to the campus community this spring, one to enjoy retirement and the others to pursue work opportunities beyond Spokane.

Sarah Berentson **Middle School English Teacher**

Sarah Berentson first came to SGS in 2016 as a long-term substitute. She acclimated quickly, demonstrating her innate good judgement, work ethic, commitment to students, and flexibility. Ms. B's stellar reputation led to her later transition into the 7/8th grade English position. She has a seemingly endless supply of energy and enthusiasm, demonstrated most recently by spearheading the Genius Hour initiative in the MS. Those who have worked closely with Sarah have come to treasure her honesty, positive outlook, and open-mindedness. Ms. B has quickly become a vital part of our community and she has made a tremendous impact in her time here at SGS. We are sad to see her go and wish her the best as she becomes the first Dragon to work full time at the SGS Dual Diploma school in Chengdu, China.

— Joelle Neiwert, Head of Middle School

Travis Cullitan **Director of Technology**

The end of an era! When we start the 2019-20 school year things will be different and there will be a void in so many areas as we say goodbye to Travis. Travis goes way back, so we will miss the alumni connection and the institutional memory perspective. We will be losing a pretty handy guy and the forever ready Leatherman tool always on his belt, ready to help anyone with anything... and play in the Makerspace. But more importantly we will be without his positive attitude and his keen ability to ask really good and really tough questions. He made SGS better by making us think and at the same time modeling his ability to think. I always leave meetings with him thinking about our conversation. He is a lifelong learner, a teacher, a computer pro-

grammer, a problem solver and most notably a good and kind person. He will be missed in so many ways. Good luck where ever the data takes you! Go Dragons!

— Jamie Tender, Head of School

Pegi Hill **Lower School P.E. Teacher**

As a teacher, I remember my kindergartners enthusiastically chanting "PE Pegi, PE Pegi" as they eagerly lined up to go to PE. Now, I chuckle as I hear the children yelling the same as they see Pegi Hill on campus. Pegi aptly defines our PE program in the Lower School. For 19 years, Pegi has designed a Health and Fitness program that fosters developmental skill progression, good sportsmanship, and a positive attitude for lifelong fitness. An exemplary model, Pegi lives her life being active whether it's cross-fit training and competing, running Olympic Distance Triathlons, or enjoying golf. She doesn't slow down, and I expect her retirement years will be just as active and adventurous. It will be hard on all of us to shout "PE Pegi" for the last time.

— Kathy Johnson, Head of Lower School

Chris Marshall **MS/US Math Teacher**

Chris Marshall joined SGS in 2018 to teach 7th and 10th grade algebra. He had just graduated from the MAT program at WSU and brought a pedagogical approach based on understanding concepts rather than memorizing facts. His enthusiasm for making learning about the students and his belief that math is something to live rather than just to think about was evident in his approach. In the first semester, he taped out a coordinate system on his floor so that students could literally become the point of the lesson! We are grateful to have had Chris at Saint George's for this year and wish him all the best as he continues his teaching career on the West Side.

— Russell Werkman,
Head of Upper School

