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MS. MAVIS WHEATCROFT, PRINCIPAL



It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I assume the position of principal at Samuel W. Shaw School. The work of the first two years Samuel W Shaw has given this school the reputation of being a dynamic, caring community, filled with passionate, innovative and committed professionals who care deeply about student learning. As the principal of Samuel W. Shaw, I feel privileged to work together with this creative, talented staff, drawing upon their strengths and upon my own school based and system experiences, to provide learning experiences that are intentional, informed, inquiry driven, and inclusive. I am committed to honouring the work of the past, as we work together in the present and strive towards a shared vision for the future. Together, we will work to ensure learner success for all of our Samuel W Shaw students. My experience with the CBE over the past 26 years includes administrative positions in four of our schools across the city, as well as leading research and professional development at the system level. I feel privileged to have had rich and varied opportunities in support of student learning within our outstanding public education system. Outside of my passion for learning and for working in support of student learning, I love to spend time in our beautiful Alberta Rocky Mountains with my husband, Patrick: running, mountain biking, skiing and anything else that is active and outside! We savour the times we have with our two grown children and their partners when they come back to our part of Alberta to visit.

MRS. MARY-ANN MITCHELL-PELLET, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Hello my name is Mary-Ann Mitchell-Pellett. I have been an educator for the past twenty years, working in places such as Manitoba, North Carolina, and Missouri, in the capacity of a classroom teacher, guidance counsellor, and administrator. I am a lover of the arts and dabble a bit in water color painting and photography. I have two great kids - a daughter (Brin) who is studying psychology at the University of Manitoba, and a son (Levi) who is in grade 7 and loves coming to school every day at SWS. My husband Scott is originally from the United States, and really doesn't like Canadian winters...Our family loves to travel, and we have travelled to many places including the Caribbean, Hawaii, Turkey, and India, and we plan to visit Thailand and China during the summer of 2012. I love learning, and I am currently completing a doctorate degree in Education at the University of Calgary. I have valued my experiences as an administrator with the Calgary Board, which provides opportunities for me to meet others and support both students and staff as they grow, learn, and develop their best human potential.

Left to Right: Office Ladies - Amey Jolley, Jenny Sundquist and Tracy Stride-Francis



Library Assistant: Nancy Johnson



Left to Right: Lunch Ladies
Linda Easton, Allison McRae, Cathy Boehr & Juanita Mathes

Grade 5 Team



Left to Right: Rob Smith, Erin Cavallin, Janet Lawson, Tara Nieuwenburg, Gemma Burns & David Mannix

ROB SMITH, GRADE 5 TEACHER/LEARNING LEADER

Hello my name is Rob Smith and I'm really excited to be back at SWS for a third year. I've been teaching for five years now and this year I will be teaching math, science, humanities and grade 5 music. When I'm not at school I'm at home with my amazing wife, who is also a teacher, and my three beautiful children ages 3, 5 and 7. Our lives are very busy and filled with much joy! We have many interests including cooking, gardening, music, karate and swimming just to name a few. I look forward to another fantastic year of learning with our students and having lots of fun along the way!



DAVID MANNIX, GRADE 5 TEACHER

My name is David Mannix and I am new to the SWS staff. I am very excited to be teaching

here after teaching in two different schools with the CBE, working at the Canadian

International School in Singapore and having taught in northern Saskatchewan.



ERIN CAVALLIN, GRADE 5 TEACHER

Hello! My name is Erin Cavallin and I am part of the Grade 5 team at SWS. In Grade 5, we have been spending some time lately discussing “Sparks” and trying to figure out what our own personal

“Spark” is. I believe my ‘Spark’ is Creativity and many of my hobbies reflect this. I love art and look forward to sharing this interest with my students. I also enjoy cooking and am always

searching for interesting recipes and cuisines to try. Welcome to SWS, Grade 5 students, I look forward to teaching and learning with you during the year ahead!



JANET LAWSON, GRADE 5 TEACHER

Hello, my name is Mrs. Janet Lawson. I am looking forward to being

part of our great grade five team this year at SWS. I will be

teaching Math, Science and French.



GEMMA BURNS, GRADE 5

Welcome back to another wonderful school year! This is my first year at SWS and I am teaching Grade 5. I am very excited to be teaching this grade as my students and I are all trying to find our

way around the school. For the past 2 years I have been teaching grades 3 and 4 at Maple Ridge Elementary and Rideau Park School. Over the summer, I went to Ontario to enjoy the

beautiful weather and beaches. When I got home I bought a schnoodle puppy who loves to chew everything! I am glad to be back at school and getting to know all of the wonderful people in this community.



Grade 6 Team



Back row: Ryan Molyneux, Nancy Cormier (Ed Asst.), Jessilyn Shank, Liz Mcmanus, Wendy Lyon

Front row: Darla Quinn

JESSILYN SHANK, GRADE 6

It is great that I am not only back at SWS this year, but I also moved to teaching grade 6 with my grade 5 class from last year. I am excited to be teaching humanities, along with general music. I look forward to discovering what the creative minds will fashion as we explore ourselves, different cultures, and parts of our government.

My husband and I had a busy summer this year, between helping to move his aunt, buying a new house, and vacationing on Hornby Island. We are very lucky to have lots of family live in and around Calgary. We spend a lot of time with our two nieces and three nephews.



WENDY LYON, GRADE 6 TEACHER

It's hard to believe that this is my third year at S.W.S. already! My name is Mrs. Lyon and I'm excited to have looped with my wonderful class from last year as we experience

change in Grade 6! We are all looking forward to outdoor camp, various field trips, provincial exams, and sharing stories with each other. I still live on an acreage south of Calgary

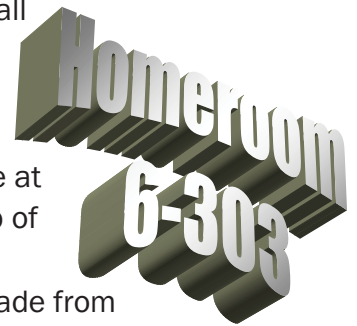
and raise, train and show miniature donkeys with my husband who is also a teacher. We have two adorable dogs, Tex and Bella and five beautiful grandchildren.

**LIZ MCMANUS, GRADE 6 TEACHER**

I began my teaching career in Ontario and moved to Calgary in 2007, mainly for access to the mountains. My family, husband, Martin, two teenage boys and the recent addition of a dog loves to hike, bike, canoe and ski. Actually, the dog doesn't bike (yet!). My whole family is musical: I sing

in a choir and the guys play in various bands. This is my third year at SWS and I am delighted to have looped with my class from last year into grade 6, and to be specialising in science and math. In addition I will be teaching grade 6 band alongside Jaime Bolen. I love

to go on field trips and I coach cross country in the fall and track in the spring. I also run the composting program which we piloted here at SWS last year. On top of all that, I hope to be producing another made from scratch musical later in April.

**RYAN MOLYNEUX, GRADE 6 LEARNING LEADER**

I am teaching Grade 6 this year and have followed the students up from Grade 5. I'm excited to be in my 3rd year here at SWS. I love engaging students with technology and having them personalize their learning. I look forward to this year with

the students and can't wait to start coaching basketball in the winter. I have two children, a boy named Sawyer and a new baby daughter named Dawson. My wife Julie and I both have a big extended family, so we're very lucky to spend a lot of time

with them. I'm a huge Flames fan but am conflicted this year as the Winnipeg Jets are back in the NHL. Luckily they're in separate conferences and only play once this year.

**DARLA QUINN, GRADE 6 TEACHER**

I am in the throws of an exciting career change this year. I am back in the classroom again after having been in the gym, teaching phys-ed, for the last 4 years. I love the intellectual stimulation I am getting by

planning a program that integrates all of the core curriculums! My passion for kinesthetic, hands on learning, will, of course, be at the forefront of what we are doing in the classroom this year. I can then finally relax,

after a challenging year, at my summer cottage with my husband, Bill, and two daughters, Shalagh and Teslyn. We will hike, swim and bake up a STORM once again!



Grade 7 Team



First row left to right: Donna Porter (Ed. Asst.), Scott MacCullam, Lisa Plamondon, Jamie Bolen

Back left to right: Brian Schneider, Collin Paulson, Erin Quinn, Lisa Rae Chisholm-Dumesnil, Cody Graham

SCOTT MACCULLAM, GRADE 7 TEACHER

Welcome back to another school year! My name is Scott MacCullam, and this is my third year here at Samuel W. Shaw School. I have been teaching with the Calgary Board of Education for the past seven years. I look forward to teaching grade seven. I know it's



ERIN QUINN, GRADE 7

My name is Erin Quinn and I am thrilled to be teaching at SWS once again this year. Originally from Wetaskiwin, I did my education degree at the University of Alberta and came to teach with the CBE soon after that. I love teaching Humanities, and especially the joys of reading and writing. I live with my roommate/sister Selby, and our two cats, Trotsky and Oddly. In my spare time, I love to cook, create arts and crafts, read, and sing in my choir, She's Up2Something.



COLLIN PAULSON, GRADE 7 TEACHER

Is this our third year already? It just seems like yesterday when we opened Samuel W. Shaw. It has been an exciting challenge for all of us, but SWS is running smoothly. My name is Collin Paulson, and I am teaching grade 7 Humanities, Photography and Film Studies. I was sad to say goodbye to my grade 8 students last year after

teaching them for 2 years, but I am thrilled to be facing a new group of enthusiastic and talented grade 7 students.

Samuel Shaw School is one of the most innovative and dynamic schools I have ever taught at. The staff are a talented group of individuals who look at teaching in

creative and exciting ways. I look forward to teaching and learning with the students and staff as we continue the journey of Samuel W. Shaw School. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Homeroom
7-135

LISA PLAMONDON, GRADE 7 LEARNING LEADER

Hello and welcome parents and students of Samuel W. Shaw. My name is Lisa Plamondon and I will be teaching Grade 7 math, science, global citizenship and foods. I am also the Grade 7 Learning Leader and Resource teacher. I have been working within the CBE

since 2001 with most of my time teaching Grade 7 and 8 math and science. In addition to being a teacher, I am also a proud mother of two boys ages 5 and 6. Jacob is in a Grade 1 Spanish bilingual class and Josh started kindergarten this fall. I enjoy reading, running

and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work alongside your child – it will be an exciting year!

Homeroom
7-139

BRIAN SCHNEIDER, GRADE 7 TEACHER

My name is Brian Schneider and this is my first year at SWS. I am very excited to be teaching both grade 6 and 7 Math/Science. I

have been teaching for 15 years. I began my teaching career in Vernon B.C. and have been with the CBE for the past ten years. I

LOVE EPL Soccer (English soccer) and building things in my spare time. I have three grown up boys and two cats.

Homeroom
7-POO

JAMIE COTTERALL-BOLEN, GRADE 7 TEACHER

Hello! My name is Jaime Cotterall-Bolen. I was born and raised in Calgary. I lived in Lethbridge for 5 years while attending university. In university I completed two degrees, one in Fine Arts

Multidisciplinary and one in Education. In my spare time I play the trumpet. I have played for concert bands, orchestras, jazz bands and a quintet ensemble. This year I have the great pleasure of

teaching Grade 7 Humanities, Grade 6 Beginner Band, and Grade 7,8 and 9 Intermediate/Advanced Band. I am very excited about the upcoming 2011-2012 school year!

Homeroom
7-POO

Grade 8 Team



Front to back: Kate Steinfeld, Sarah Gavan, Cindy Woolfrey, Janelle Berry, Shannon Hart (student teacher), Christine Changoor, Travis Turner

KATE STEINFELD, GRADE 8 TEACHER

My name is Kate Steinfeld and this is my third year at Sam Shaw. This year I am teaching grade 8 Science, Math, Art, Drama and CTF. I am

originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba where I taught a wide variety of grades and eventually was the Junior High Math Support Teacher for the largest

school division in Winnipeg. I am so looking forward to this year as there will be many exciting challenges and learning ahead of us.

**Homeroom
8-141**

TRAVIS TURNER, GRADE 8 LEARNING LEADER

Hi everyone, my name is Travis Turner. This is now my second year teaching at Samuel W. Shaw. This year I will be teaching Humanities 8 to homerooms 141 and 142. In addition, I will be teaching Sports Performance and Digital Animation. I will also be the grade 8 team leader.

This is now my seventh year living in Calgary. I am originally from Prince

George, BC. I then moved to Edmonton to attend university, before finally landing in Calgary.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy a wide variety of physical activity including rugby, football, basketball, running, road and mountain biking, hiking and weightlifting. I also enjoy travelling with my wife.

At the end of the school year last year I fully tore my Achilles tendon playing flag football. To repair it, I had to have surgery in mid-June. I was in a cast for the rest of June and most of July. Needless to say I had a fairly inactive summer. It continues to heal well; I am now walking with minimal pain and well on my way to a full recovery.

**Homeroom
8-142**

SARAH GAVAN, GRADE 8 TEACHER

I'm new to SWS this year, and I'm thrilled to be a part of this fantastic school community. I have had the pleasure of teaching junior high Humanities for the past four years, and this year I am so excited to be teaching grade 8. I

believe that all of us are capable of great things; all we need is a little support and encouragement. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year filled with fantastic experiences!

**Homeroom
8-143**

CINDY WOOLFREY, GRADE 8 TEACHER

Hello Samuel W. Shaw and welcome back to what is sure to be another fantastic year.

I will be teaching Grade 8 Science, Math, Foods and Outdoor Ed again this year and so far we are off to a dynamic start .

I have been fortunate in my career to have experienced teaching a wide diversity of

students throughout Calgary and overseas.

I strongly believe in the values of change and risk in order to challenge our abilities and perspectives and grow as learners.

I am an energetic and passionate person and I live for activity, the outdoors and connections with people around me.

As an educator I believe the most important reality that students learn is the power of their own voice and the choices they make; that they are the designers of their path and their legacy.

**Homeroom
8-147**

JANELLE BERRY, GRADE 8 TEACHER

Hi! I am Janelle Berry and this the second year I have had the pleasure to teach at Samuel W. Shaw. I look forward to and exciting year working with grade 8 students in

Humanities, French and Leadership. From December to March you will find me in the gym working with the junior girls basketball team developing basketball

and team skills. Go Storm!

**Homeroom
8-P011**

CHRISTINE CHANGOOR, GRADE 8 TEACHER

My name is Christine Changoor, and I am thrilled to be back at SWS for a second year! I am teaching Grade 8 Math and Science, as well as Digital Publishing (Yearbook!) and Outdoor Education. Before joining the staff at Shaw I taught at both MidSun

School and R.T. Alderman School. My teaching assignments included Grade 7, 8 and 9 math and science, physical education, foods, and outdoor education. I was born and grew up in Toronto, but have now been living and teaching in Calgary

for five years. The experiences that I have had so far at S.W.S and in Calgary have been incredible, and I am looking forward to many more this year!

**Homeroom
8-P012**

Grade 9 Team



Left to right: Brian Sanders, Gita Karavada-Ed Asst, Cynthia Leippi-Ed Asst, Erin Purnell-Ed Asst, Tiffany Coles, Lisa Chisholm, Alana Marklinger, Jeff Thompson & Greg Aman

ALANA MARKLINGER, GRADE 9 TEACHER

I am looking forward to another exciting year working with the students at SWS! I have the pleasure of teaching Grade 9 students, the first graduating class at SWS! I have been teaching for 14 years

with the CBE, and have taught in a variety of settings from gr.5-9. I enjoy working with students to help them reach their personal best, and to challenge themselves to personalize their learning

in ways that are meaningful for them. At SWS I am constantly learning something new from the students and staff, and I enjoy that challenge. GO STORM GO!



TIFFANY COLES, GRADE 9 LEARNING LEADER

Howdy folks. I am super enthusiastic about having the opportunity to teach all grade 9 Math this Year at Samuel Shaw School. Having worked on curriculum development and assessment in this area, I feel it is a strength I can bring to the Samuel

Shaw students. I currently hold the administrative position of grades 5-9 Math curriculum Learning Leader.

My areas of interest include photography, computer graphics, film and animation along with creative

endeavours such as drawing and painting. I am athletic and enjoy activities such as running, tennis, volleyball and hiking. Looking forward to an exciting year here at Samuel Shaw School.



BRIAN SANDERS, GRADE 9 TEACHER

Year two of SWS has begun! I am uber-excited to have been teaching at SWS since the it opened waaay back in 2009. I am travelling from grade 8 up to grade 9 with my

Humanities students from last year, so most of them will already know that I'm an avid gamer and that I drive a magnificent white truck. This year I will be team teaching some of my

Humanities classes with Mr. Aman, and when I'm not in the grade 9 pod I'll be teaching drama to grade 7,8, and 9.



JEFF THOMPSON, GRADE 9 TEACHER

This is my 3rd year at SWS and my 7th, year as a teacher. Wow! Time sure has flown by! I will be teaching grade 9 Humanities again this year and I am excited to get to know our group of grade 9 students. My wife and I had a baby last year

that we named Finn. I spent most of my summer watching Finn learn to eat and grow his first two teeth. In addition to teaching Humanities I will also be teaching drama again this year and heading our school's second annual Fringe

festival. I consider myself a bit of a "geek" and I use technology in almost all aspects of my program. Students in my class will learn about their personal learning styles and will find multiple ways to represent their understanding.

**Homeroom
9-P005**

LISA RAE CHISHOLM, GRADE 9 TEACHER

I'm new to SWS this year and am already excited by the great energy of this school. I have the pleasure of getting to know two different grades this year and will be spending my time divided evenly between teaching grade 7 and 9 math and science.

My first love is science, particularly genetics, as this is what I obtained my first degree in. I worked for a year in a human genetics lab before I decided I missed working with people. My next love is math especially as it relates to science. My hope is that my

students with discover their own interests within math and science as well as develop a deeper understanding of the subjects. Looking forward to a great year teaching here at SWS!

**Homeroom
9-P006**

GREG AMAN, GRADE 9 TEACHER

Hello Samuel W. Shaw! I am Mr. Aman and I've been at teacher with the Calgary Board of Education for the past 15 years. I am one of the Learning Leaders in the building and will be teaching Grade 9

Humanities as well as teaching Phys. Ed. I will also be working with teams to get students working hands-on with the incredible technology we have in the building. I look forward to meeting all of our new

students and am looking forward to an exciting year!

**Homeroom
9-P006**



PE Team

Left to right: Tim Lindberg, Ted Smith, Sarah Owen

TED SMITH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING LEADER

My name is Ted Smith and I have been teaching with the Calgary Board of Education for eleven years. I am originally from Nova Scotia and still have an accent on certain words if you listen. I enjoy triathlon and mountain bike racing

and you can find me in the mountains when I'm not with my family. I have been married for seven years to my wife Leah and we have two children Lauren 5 and Carter 3. I have always enjoyed sports and am excited build the SWS

Storm Athletics. This year I will be coaching Sr. Girls Volleyball, Track & Field and I am also the city chair for Cross Country in the South. You will usually find me in the gym.



TIM LINDBERG, PE TEACHER

Hi! My name is Mr.Lindberg and I am looking forward to another successful year at SWS. You will find me entertaining students, as

well as, doing "some" teaching in Physical Education. I am heavily involved in athletics within the school and local communities

and look forward to working with SWS students to achieve their personal best.

SARAH OWEN, PE TEACHER

I am so excited to be working in Phys Ed. with Mr. Smith and Mr. Lindberg. I hope that I can help students discover and nurture an appreciation for fitness and enjoy participating and learning new skills in a variety of activities and sports. I have taught Phys Ed for almost 10 years and spent 6

years teaching in London England before moving to Calgary. I have coached basketball teams for the last 9 years and look forward to the opportunity of coaching Senior Girls this school year. I also coach badminton, track and field and rugby. While I grew up playing competitive soccer and

later played rugby while at University, I now have a passion for mountain biking and cycling in general. Fitness is an important part of my life and I enjoy pushing my body to new limits. I wish everyone a healthy and happy year!



MARY KING, PLP TEACHER

Hi I'm Mary King and I'm [redacted] year of learning in my one of the 2 PLP teachers [redacted] sunshine filled room. at Samuel Shaw. I'm [redacted] looking forward to a great

CATHY MCELROY, PLP TEACHER

My Name is Cathy McElroy and I am the new Paced Learning Program (PLP) teacher at Samuel W. Shaw. My teaching background includes time spent at Dr. Oakley School teaching junior high students with learning disabilities in a congregated, multi-aged

setting, and teaching Language Arts to middle school students at Rideau Park School. I have two children; my son, Reid, is in Grade 7 and my daughter, Riley, is in Grade 5. My husband and I enjoy spending time in the summer with our family in Northern

Saskatchewan having fun with water sports, and fishing as much as possible. I feel very fortunate to be able to join such an innovative and collaborative staff here at Samuel W. Shaw. I am looking forward to an exciting year.



Left to right: Mary King, Erin Purnell (Ed Asst), Charlene Zuk (Ed Asst), Cherie Horne (Ed Asst), Cathy McElroy