



DANA EASTON – Director

Dana is our newest Director, and brings with her over 30 years of experience in education, teaching elementary school for more than two decades before moving into administration. She holds a B.S. in education from the University of Utah, a Master of Education from Westminster, and a Master of education in Educational Leadership from Brigham Young University. Dana is a PTA Golden Apple Outstanding Educator recipient, National Energy Foundation Academy Medallion Level winner, and an Outstanding Educator Award nominee. She is excited about being a part of the Saint Sophia School family, and is looking forward to having the students read to her!

SHELLY HOWELLS – Preschool

Shelly has been teaching at Saint Sophia School since 2004. Trained in early childhood education, she teaches the three- and four-year old classes. Her classroom provides “hands on” experience, helping the children learn from manipulating their own materials and thrive on being successful. Shelly strives to establish a solid foundation for exploring and learning, and to help build the children’s confidence and self-esteem. Prior to Saint Sophia School, Shelly taught at Cottonwood Canyon Montessori School for 14 years.

HALLIE MYLER – All day preschool / pre-kindergarten

Hallie has been with Saint Sophia since 2008. She focuses on preparing the 4-year olds for kindergarten, while helping the 3-year olds learn the interpersonal and academic skills needed for pre-k. Each week the class studies a letter, number and themed unit. Hallie wants children to enjoy school and to love to learn. As a part of that goal, the class goes on many learning fieldtrips.

JENNIFER ROMRIELL – Kindergarten and aftercare

Jennifer holds a BA from Eastern Oregon University with a minor in ESL, with additional training in educational music and theatre. She came to Utah looking for a school that fit her energy and excitement. With wonderful students, loving parents and fantastic

faculty, Saint Sophia School was the perfect match. A decade of experience as a director, teacher and instructor at various summer music, art, dance, and drama camps helps her direct music at Saint Sophia School. Moreover, her background in tutoring makes her uniquely suited to run the aftercare program. Jennifer is passionate about teaching and loves to see her students take responsibility for their learning and stretch themselves to reach their full potential.

LORRAINE NICHOLS – First grade

Lorraine has been teaching early childhood education for over 20 years. She began her career developing techniques and skills to help students who had difficulties with reading fluency become successful readers. She also piloted programs in early childhood education and Head Start in Granite School District. Lorraine joined Saint Sophia School in 2008 as the physical education specialist for grades K-6 and as a pre-K teacher. She moved to the fifth grade teacher starting the 2009 school year – expanding her students’ learning experiences and enabling them to think “outside of the box.”

BARRIE ROSENBERG – Second grade

Barrie comes from a long line of teachers. She holds a BS in education from Northwestern University and a MaT in early childhood education from National-Louis University. Barrie has been a part of the Saint Sophia School family since 2000, when she was the school’s very first third grade teacher. Previously she taught in the Granite School District. In addition to being a teacher at Saint Sophia, she was a parent at the school – both of her children attended the school.

ELLEN HENKELS – Third grade

Ellen is one of Saint Sophia School’s newest teachers, entering the profession in 2009. She also spent several years as a teacher’s aide. Ellen earned her degree in elementary education from Western Governors University, and also holds a B.S. in business administration from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She received the Rainbow Award for her work with the Girl Scouts of Utah.

CARLOTTA WOODS – Fourth & Fifth grade

Carlotta is new to Saint Sophia School, but she has taught both elementary and middle school for over 15 years. She holds a B.S. in elementary education with a minor in biology, and a Master’s of education from the University of Utah. Carlotta is the 2001 U of U Young Alumni Outstanding Educator Award recipient.

CARRIE PAPPAS – Greek language

Carrie is a lover of languages and culture. She taught French and Spanish for a decade in Colorado before joining Saint Sophia in the school's founding year. In addition to being a teacher, Carrie is also a school parent – both her daughters attended Saint Sophia.

NITSA TSOUSOUNIS – Greek language

Nitsa is a native Greek speaker. She earned BAs in both French and Spanish from the University of Utah. She also holds certificates in computers and marketing. Prior to moving to America, Nitsa worked in the business relations / marketing department of the Hellenic Shipyards in Greece. She has been at Saint Sophia since its founding.

ANASTASIA KONTGIS – Religion

Stasi started with Saint Sophia School in 2008, first as the parent of two students and then as a classroom volunteer. Currently she serves double duty as a teaching aide in the Kindergarten class, and as the school's religion teacher. In her class, she focuses on living a Christ-like life, understanding Holy Liturgy and the Church symbols, and recognizing Name Days. Stasi is currently a student at the University of Phoenix working on her BS in elementary education.

JODY MULLIGAN – Physical education

Jody has been with Saint Sophia School since 2006. She holds a degree in elementary education with a minor in physical education and health from the University of Northern Iowa. Prior to heading our P.E. program, she taught 2nd grade at Saint Sophia. Jody previously taught at the McGillis School.