



New Faculty and Staff - Welcome!

New Homeroom Teachers

Samantha Castille - 1st Grade Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Samantha Castille as one of our 1st grade teachers! Mrs. Castille graduated from McNeese State University in 2020 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. This will be her seventh year teaching and her fifth year, teaching first grade. Mrs. Castille lives in Lake Charles with her husband Connor and her daughter Nellie. When she is not teaching, she enjoys reading and hanging out with her family. Mrs. Castille is so excited to join the OLQH family and to be teaching at the same school her daughter will be attending.

Allie Moreno - 2nd Grade Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Allie Moreno as one of our 2nd grade teachers! Mrs. Moreno graduated from McNeese State University with a degree in Education. She and her husband, Josh, have two children, Lawson and Isabella. They are members of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Mrs. Moreno taught 1st grade for two years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She is excited to be back in the classroom and is looking forward to the school year.

Leslie Deshotel - 3rd Grade Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Leslie Deshotel as one of our 3rd grade teachers! Mrs. Deshotel has a bachelor's from McNeese State University in Elementary Education. Over the course of her 34 year career she has enjoyed teaching 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades in the Calcasieu parish school system. She and her husband, Scott have two daughters, Haley and Carley, and three wonderful grandsons that they adore and love to spend time with. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Deshotel to the OLQHS family!

Caryn Lestage - 6th Grade Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Caryn Lestage as our new 6th grade ELA teacher. Mrs. Lestage graduated from McNeese State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 2015. This will be her 11th year teaching! She taught 2nd grade for five years and 3rd grade ELA for five years. She and her husband, Brandon, have two children, Henry and Mary Claire. In her free time, Mrs. Lestage loves spending time with her family outdoors.

Erin Degenhardt - 7th grade Reading/ELA Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Erin Degenhardt as our 7th grade ELA teacher! Mrs. Degenhardt has a bachelor's degree in Education from McNeese State University and a master's degree from Northwestern State University. She has 12 years of teaching experience. Mrs. Degenhardt is also a published author of 5 books in the educational field and has worked to develop curriculum resources for teachers. We welcome Mrs. Degenhardt as part of our 7th grade team!

Caroline James - 8th Grade Reading/ELA Teacher

We would like to welcome Mrs. Caroline James as our new 8th grade ELA teacher! Mrs. James has a bachelor's degree from McNeese State University and a master's degree from University of Louisiana Monroe. She has been teaching at the high school level for the past 5 years. She and her husband attend Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. In her free time she enjoys spending time with friends, visiting National Parks and hiking! We are excited to welcome her to our middle school team as the 8th grade homeroom and ELA teacher!

New Staff/Enrichment

Lisa Mondal - PK Aide

We would like to welcome Lisa Mondal as one of our new PK aides. Mrs. Mondal is an alumna of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, as well as one of our parents. She loves seeing her children, Asher and Amelia, grow and learn at the same school that holds so many wonderful memories for her. She loves spending time with her family traveling, making new memories, and cheering on her kids at all the extracurricular activities they enjoy. Mrs. Mondal is grateful to be part of such a caring and faith-filled community and looks forward to working with our Pre-K team!

Jodi Hebert - Spanish

We would like to welcome Mrs. Jodi Hebert as our Spanish teacher. Mrs. Hebert is originally from San Augustine, Texas, and graduated from Texas A&M University, where she met her husband, Jacob, who is an OLQHS alumnus. They live in Lake Charles with their daughter, Everett, and attend St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking, and spending time with my family. We are thrilled to have them as part of our OLQHS family!

Leslie Milligan - Elementary Intervention

We would like to welcome Mrs. Leslie Milligan as an elementary interventionist. She is an alumna of OLQH and St. Louis Catholic High School and completed her undergraduate and masters degrees in elementary education at Louisiana State University. After graduation, Mrs. Milligan taught first grade at OLQH for five years. She has been married for almost 29 years to her husband, Patrick. Their four children, Abbie Grace, Gus, Hank, and Mary-Elise all also graduated from OLQH and SLCHS.

In her free time she enjoys cooking, baking sourdough, reading, and playing Mahjong. Traveling with family and friends is her favorite thing to do!

Other Position Changes:

Brittney Link - Middle School Technology

Karen Westfall - Elementary School Technology

Liz Glass - 7th/8th Grade Math

Amy Eisner - Algebra 1