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# QUEEN ANNE SCHOOL

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Dear QAS Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a relaxing and productive summer. Camp is in full swing here on campus and we are busy preparing for the upcoming school year. I am hard at work in my new position as Assistant Head of School and would like to share with you some of the developments that are taking place.

*Faculty/Staff:* We bid a fond farewell to several faculty and staff in June and have filled the spots they left vacant. Marianne Mason joined us in May as our new Business Manager, and we will welcome four new teachers in the fall, all of whom have previous teaching experience: Mallory Moats will be teaching the upper-level Spanish classes; Sunny Gough and Angela Davis will take over the responsibilities of the art classes; and Jonathan Robertson will be handling all the lower-level math and science classes, as well as overseeing the Extended Day program. Should enrollment exceed our expectations, we have several likely candidates for an additional science/math position.

Dave Montgomery has assumed the role of Athletic Director, with Bob Dunmore stepping into the role of Assistant AD. Luqman Kolade will be serving as Assistant Dean, handling the day-to-day affairs of the lower grades (6-8) while continuing to teach lower-level English. Lauren Driscoll will be taking over for me as Chair of the Fine Arts Department.

*Program:* the separate Upper School and Middle School divisions have merged into a smaller but more effective one-division program, for which I am ultimately responsible, with the invaluable assistance of our two Deans. As happens every summer, our academic program is under review, and I am very grateful to have experienced department chairs to make that task easier. Before the school year ended, we reviewed and clarified the policy and procedures regarding an important component of the QAS program, the Independent Study/Senior Honor Project, and approved 5 challenging projects that several students have set for themselves. Mr. Montgomery has already taken giant strides to improving our athletic program and bringing it up to par with our excellent academic offerings. Similar work is afoot to garner support and attention for our Fine Arts program – more news will be forthcoming.

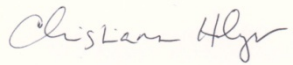
Kimberli Meadows was elected QASPA Chairman for the coming year; she is joined by Angel Parks, Linda Jones and Cynthia Singleton as vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. They are busy defining QASPA's goals for the coming year, and hope to see all of you at the monthly meetings. They may also be approaching some of you to take part in the on-going AIMS accreditation process; we are 5 years out from the original self-study (at the half-way mark in the 10-year process), and this year we will be conducting a similar review (on a smaller scale) of all of Queen Anne School.

As I continue the good work carried out by Davey West and Sharon Bagnell, I have two main goals for the upcoming year: improving school-to-family communication and fine-tuning faculty development. Successful education relies on a good working partnership between school and home. We will continue to use efficiently, and often, the technology at our disposal to keep you up-to-date on your child's progress. We are exploring other options to keep you apprised of, and included in, general school life, and we hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities throughout the year to be involved in your child's life at school. Under our current mentoring program for new teachers, incoming faculty are introduced to the QAS community and supported in their work throughout the year. However, all faculty benefit from continued and timely training; to that end, we continue to look for new ways to extend and augment our

mentoring program to provide all of our teachers with the tools and support necessary to conduct well-executed and enjoyable classes.

I am enjoying my new work, and am looking forward to seeing all of you in August. If you have questions or concerns between now and then, please don't hesitate to call me – I would appreciate the opportunity to talk further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christiana Holyer". The signature is written in black ink on a light yellow rectangular background.

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