



ARCHBISHOP WALSH ACADEMY

In the Franciscan tradition, Archbishop Walsh Academy is open to students of all faiths and backgrounds, and is committed to providing a quality, value-based education to any student who seeks it.

The 2009-2010 school year promises to be an exciting one, with many of the changes implemented over the past year beginning to take a strong hold, and some new faces have been added to our roster!

I was recently appointed principal of Archbishop Walsh, and I was pleased and honored to accept. See my bio on the back for more information!

Additionally, we welcome five new teachers this year! Ken Woodruff, math teacher, and Dave Shelc, science teacher, both join our faculty from Portville Central School. Margaret Tufino, Spanish teacher, joins us after extensive experience teaching Spanish around the Southern Tier. Bruno DeGiglio, computer teacher, most recently taught at the BOCES program in Fredonia. Mary Beth Cardenas, English teacher, has lived and worked teaching English all over the world. We look forward to an promising new year, and hope you will join us! Read on for more information about our teachers.

Donna Sweet, Principal



Mr. Ken Woodruff, left, will teach math. He got his bachelor's degree from Houghton College, and he's taken graduate classes at St. Bonaventure, SUNY Fredonia, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Woodruff taught math at Portville from 1972 to 2005 and taught at JCC from 2005 to 2009. He was the math department chair at Portville for 15 years. He has officiated high school sports extensively over the past 35 years.

Mr. David L. Shelc, right, will teach science. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in chemistry / biology from SUNY at Brockport. Mr. Shelc has been a chemistry / physics teacher for 32 years in the public school system. He has been a mentor for the NY State Department of Education for chemistry for 10 years, a member of the National Science Teachers Association, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and various teacher groups at Buffalo State and Syracuse University.



**Ms. Margaret F. Tufino,
Spanish
Teacher**

Ms. Tufino comes to Archbishop Walsh from a series of long-term substitute positions in the area. In these roles she's taught

students at all levels of Spanish language comprehension, as well as formed Spanish Clubs, instituted Spanish Cultural Day, and has administered the Regents exam. She also provides occasional translation services for the Pennsylvania State Police.



**Mr. Bruno Q. DeGiglio,
Computer
Teacher**

Mr. DeGiglio comes to Archbishop Walsh from the BOCES program in Fredonia, where he taught Busi-

ness and Computer Science. Before that, he worked at the Olean Area Federal Credit Union for 15 years as the data processing manager, and spent time teaching at JCC in Olean. His extensive background in Information Technology (IT) and computer systems is impressive and covers many real-life scenarios.



**Ms. Mary Beth Cardenas,
English
Teacher**

Ms. Cardenas has worked in education all over the globe. From managing the registrar's office in a private school in Texas, to teaching English and Spanish in Colorado, to teaching English as

a second language in Taiwan and Mexico, to teaching Spanish in Florida, Ms. Cardenas has not only extensive experience, but a rich background to bring to Archbishop Walsh. She is currently completing coursework for her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.

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Mr. Nick Shaw, Guidance Counselor

Mr. Shaw has been the guidance counselor at Archbishop Walsh since 2004. He is certified as a guidance counselor in New York and Pennsylvania. Some of Mr. Shaw's duties include educational planning with students, applying for colleges and scholarships, and making career decisions. Mr. Shaw also manages The National Honor Society, and is class advisor for Student Council, and The Interact Rotary Club.

Ms. Kathie Dudley, English Teacher

Ms. Dudley has been the English teacher at Archbishop Walsh since 2003. She is certified in New York for secondary English and literacy. Her expertise is preparing 10-12 grade students for Regents exams. Ms. Dudley also coordinates fundraising and service-learning initiatives to facilitate in-class learning.

Mr. Thomas Victor, Art Teacher

Mr. Victor has been the art teacher at Archbishop Walsh since 2007. He is certified to teach art education to grades K-12 in New York State. Mr. Victor believes that a strong art program can teach students to have pride in their cultures and communities, and has done work in the community to foster the arts.

Mrs. Margaret Mahar, Latin Teacher

Mrs. Mahar has been the Latin teacher at Archbishop Walsh since 1985. In addition she teaches Global, U.S. History. Mrs. Mahar is involved in community activities as a volunteer.

Ms. Lois Kreitzer-Housler, Science Teacher

Ms. Kreitzer-Housler has been the science teacher at Archbishop Walsh since 2003. She is a published research scientist, and has worked at Cornell University and the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. She involves her students in community projects, and has had a 100% pass rate in the Biology Regents for three years in a row.

Ms. Deborah A. Elizee, Math Teacher

Ms. Elizee has been the math teacher at Archbishop Walsh since 1999. She has also worked at Southern Tier Catholic, and has a Master's degree in advanced teacher education. Ms. Elizee's students have the highest passing grades of any area school.

Mr. John Hanophy, Religion Teacher

Mr. Hanophy has been with Archbishop Walsh since 2006. In the past, he's helped at the Southern Tier Catholic Summer Camp, by giving guitar lessons to students. Mr. Hanophy is class advisor, and active in the Olean community.

Mr. Nathan Farnum, Director of Athletics

Mr. Farnum has been the director of athletics at Archbishop Walsh since 2005. His duties include teaching health and physical education. Besides teaching, he also is a class advisor, and coach's golf at the school. He supports volunteer activities, and has volunteered with the Special Olympics and with Meals for Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Donna J. Sweet, Principal

Mrs. Sweet has served on the Board of Archbishop Walsh since January 2009, chairing the Academic Affairs Committee and managing the International Baccalaureate process. Mrs. Sweet's responsibilities include the direction of all activities for the school, the selection, recruitment, and management of faculty and staff, and most importantly the development of curriculum for the school — including Archbishop Walsh's pursuit of an International Baccalaureate degree program for high school students. She is a long-time supporter of Archbishop Walsh. Her children graduated from Walsh, and she knows their high school experiences were very important in giving them the foundation to become the people they are today. The spirit and environment in a small private school like Walsh provides every student individual attention from teachers and a moral compass. Environments like the one at Walsh makes a difference in students' lives. After all, it is all about the students.