



On behalf of Sacred Heart Academy, I am pleased to announce that on Monday, September 27, **Mrs. Sandra (Sandy) Dubridge** will join our administrative team as the 7-12 **Assistant Principal—Academic Advisor**. Mrs. Dubridge is a Shepherd resident. She and her husband, Rick, are practicing Catholics who have three children at Sacred Heart, in 2nd, 5th, and 7th grades. They have another child in a hearing-assisted learning program at Ganiard Elementary, and a teenager in the Shepherd Public School system whom they foster.

Mrs. Dubridge earned her teaching degree at Central Michigan University where she majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry. Since 2005, she has been teaching high school sciences including chemistry, technical chemistry, biology, advanced biology, anatomy, and physiology. She comes to Sacred Heart Academy from the Mt. Pleasant Public School system, bringing a wide range of experience which she is ready to apply to her administrative position. She also holds a Master of Educational Technology degree from Michigan State University.

“I first worked at a smaller school, then went on to bigger schools,” she told the SHA staff members when she was introduced. “I am so happy to be back at a smaller school where I can really make a difference.”

Throughout her years of teaching, Mrs. Dubridge served on school improvement, conflict resolution, and scheduling committees. She was a homework lab coordinator and has scholarship committee experience. Mrs. Dubridge has been a National Honor Society Advisor for 10 years and an alternate PSAT Testing Coordinator. She has experience in curriculum design, coached several sports, and organized and chaperoned seven international trips for high school students, including three to South America.

Described by others as “a leader in new and innovative ways to engage students”, I am certain Mrs. Dubridge is perfect for the academic advisor and assistant principal role at Sacred Heart Academy. Marie Richards created many successful programs and activities which will continue, and Mrs. Dubridge will work with the faculty members to take student performance and academic standards to a new level.

Please join me in welcoming Sandy Dubridge to our school!

Sincerely,

Mary Kay Yonker, Principal