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Hello PREP Class 7SuA!

Welcome, welcome to your most exciting and most important year in your Catholic Faith! Why? ... well, we'll find out all about it throughout this upcoming year in PREP.

I hope everyone had a great summer break and you are all ready to learn and experience new things and discover something you haven't had a chance to do yet. Helping me again this year is Mrs. Candida Fabick. We are so looking forward to meeting all of you soon and having an unforgettable year!

A little bit about myself: my name is Mrs. Kasia Pienkowska. I moved here to Lansdale with my family about 10 years ago from Calgary, Canada. However, I was born in Krakow, Poland and moved to Toronto, Canada when I was 15 years old. Later on during my university years I lived in Italy for a year, where I was studying Italian language, culture and the arts. I loved my time there and met fantastic people from other parts of the world who came there to study the language but also those who came to be missionaries and came to study the Bible with other young people. Their actions, enthusiasm and devotion to Bible study were very inspiring to me and strengthened my faith tremendously.

I have moved quite a few times in my life and every time I did, I always found a new community of faithful people who would always make me feel at home. I was always involved in parish life either as a youth minister, Good Shepherd Catechism program for 3- to 9-year-olds, or 1st Communion or Confirmation teacher. I have prepared and helped lead retreats and religious music festivals, always having a great time with friends and other members of the parish when doing so.

This will be my 6th year teaching PREP here at St. Stans. I am a mom of 3 spirited kids 😊 Paulina (22yrs), Filip (16yrs) and Karolina (14yrs) who is also involved now in our PREP program with the pre-school group. We have 2 cats (Meeko and Winky). They are brothers but are nothing alike. As a family we like to travel, ski, kayak, rock climb, do art and play board games and keep up with some of our Polish traditions... well maybe it's just me who likes to do that. 😊 A little side note here: as part of that heritage.... this weekend and the next one there is a Polish-American festival taking place at the Shrine in Doylestown. If you are interested you can catch a glimpse of the Polish culture, language, and cuisine. You are very welcome to come and check it out.

So that's about it...

I would love to learn about you during our first class so please prepare a little letter, kind of like mine and we will either read them in class or I will collect them to read later ... just so I can get to know you better and keep track of who likes what, etc. 😊

Have a wonderful long weekend and see you soon!

Mrs. Pienkowska