



Dear Turlock Christian Families,

The start of a new school year is just around the corner, and we're filled with gratitude and anticipation for all that's ahead. Over the summer, our team has been preparing thoughtfully and prayerfully to ensure a strong and purposeful launch to the 2025–26 school year.

We're pleased to share a few important updates with you, including several new additions and staff role transitions. Each of these individuals brings unique gifts, strong character, and a shared commitment to Christ-centered education.

New Additions and Staff Role Transitions

- **Kathy Sharp – Head of School & Elementary Principal**

Kathy has extensive experience in Christian education and a steady, thoughtful leadership style. She has a deep love for Jesus and a passion to see students grow in both their faith and academics. Kathy's leadership and vision for TCS are rooted in faith, excellence, and unity. We are happy to extend her leadership across all the TC campuses.

- **Rick Ryan – Interim Junior High & High School Principal, Director of Operations**

Rick continues to provide leadership across our secondary campus and operations team. His clear systems thinking and communication, as well as his heart for Christ and students, make him an invaluable part of our school leadership.

- **Anthony McLeod – Director of Spiritual Life & Teacher for Junior High Bible, Chapel Class, and High School ASB**

Anthony has a rich love for Jesus, a passion for discipleship, and a clear heart for students. He will be leading our spiritual formation efforts across campus while also teaching in the junior high and high school.

- **Mark Tillotson – Elementary Assistant Principal**

Mark joins our administrative team to support students, staff, and families at the elementary level. His calm presence and leadership experience will be a great asset to the elementary campus. His love for Christ and academics is evident to all.

- **Suzie Baba – Student Guidance Counselor**

Suzie is a great asset to TC. She will continue teaching science at the junior high and high school, in addition to helping students in the area of guidance counseling. She is happy to step into this new role and lead our students as they plan for their futures.

- **Melissa Cortinas – Junior High Bible & History**

Melissa will bring both a strong academic background and a love for Scripture to her junior high classroom. She will help students increase their faith and knowledge of Jesus, as well as learn more about the history of our world.

- **Jillian Vierra – 3rd Grade**

Jillian, a graduate of Turlock Christian School, joins our elementary team with a heart and enthusiasm for Christian education. She can't wait to meet her students and share her love for learning with them.

- **Megan Jigour – 5th Grade**

Megan is looking forward to teaching 5th grade, where she will share her heart for Christ and passion for education. She desires to help her students grow both spiritually and academically this year.

- **Micah Shaneyfelt – Yard Duty (Part-Time)**

Micah will be joining the elementary support staff. She loves Jesus and enjoys sharing that love with students in the classroom and outside on the playground.

- **TBD – Junior High English**

We're finalizing this position and look forward to introducing this team member to you soon.

These changes reflect our continued commitment to nurturing the souls, hearts and minds of our students. We're grateful for your partnership and ask that you continue to pray for our staff, students, and school community as we prepare to begin this new chapter.

Thank you for being a valued part of the Turlock Christian family. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With appreciation,

Johanna Fischer

Board Chair

Kathy Sharp

Head of School

