

## August, 2023

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at the Waldorf School of Orange County! As summer draws to a close and the promise of Fall emerges, we hope you've had a rejuvenating break in preparation for the exciting journey ahead.

At the Waldorf School of Orange County, we are proud to be a Full Member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America, dedicated to providing a rich Waldorf education to students from Early Years through 12th grade. Our passionate team of educators, along with the devoted Board of Trustees and Administrative staff, form the heart of WSOC, ready to welcome all students and families.

To our team members, students, staff, and parents: you are all integral to this journey, and you'll find yourself among like-minded individuals. Together, we create a supportive and encouraging environment, where we strive to do our best work and extend grace during challenging times.

Over the summer, we have worked hard to enhance our campus and classrooms, ensuring a warm and inviting environment for the new students and families joining our community. It's heartening to see several grades already at full enrollment capacity, a testament to the value our community places on what WSOC has to offer.

Exciting changes are in store for the upcoming year. We are thrilled to announce an expansion of Spanish instruction to four days a week at each grade level. To accommodate a morning walk, the Middle School grades will begin their school day at 8:15 am daily, and Middle School Orchestra/Band sessions will conclude at 3:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Furthermore, we now offer Aftercare for Nursery in their dedicated classroom and yard, separate from the PK and Kindergarten Aftercare.

We're delighted to welcome new coworkers who will be joining us this year:

- 1. HS Art Teacher Elise Woodward
- 2. HS Fiber Arts Teacher Bama Mattson
- 3. HS Humanities Teacher Nicole Scheurer
- 4. First Grade Teacher Ximena Schreiner

- 5. First Grade Assistant Julia Terzi-Michaels
- 6. Pre-K Teacher Erin Waller
- 7.. EC Assistant Carolina Santos
- 8. Admissions Director Brooke Natzke
- 9.. Marketing Director Kathy Christian
- 10. Development Director Catherine Crahan

To all parents, we extend a warm invitation to join us in this exciting journey of learning and growth. Your presence and involvement are deeply valued, and we encourage you to become active participants in our community, adding your unique perspectives and contributions to the rich tapestry of experiences we create together. Together, as one united community, we look forward to embracing the wonders that the 2023-2024 school year has in store for us all!

Sincerely,

College of Teachers, Board of Trustees Thomas Corcoran & Sara Rodelo, College of Teachers Kristina Martinez, Board Chair & Belinda De La Libertad, Board Vice-Chair