

# 2012-13 AWARD RECIPIENTS

For the past nine years, the Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty has provided life-changing professional development opportunities for our faculty—from national explorations of archaeology and horticulture to intercontinental adventures in history, religion, and pedagogy. This year is no exception, and we're so pleased to announce the 2012-13 Woolrich Awards recipients:



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## **RICHARD KEITH:** Performing Arts

As St. Francis' orchestra leader and strings instructor, Richard Keith is charged with maintaining and, when necessary, facilitating repair of St. Francis' instruments. By attending two weeklong classes in Basic Violin Setup, Maintenance, and Repair at the University of New Hampshire's Violin Craftmanship Institute this summer, he plans to enhance his own understanding of violin care; bring the school's string instrument repairs in house; and increase his ability to share the intricacies of violin repair and craftsmanship with his students.



## **GREGORY URBANI:** Seventh-Grade History

For Gregory Urbani, the medieval past is a vivid part of the present as he teaches world history and orchestrates the seventh-grade Medieval Feast every year. On his Woolrich-funded trip to Great Britain, he will study medieval architecture, artifacts, and art; the Renaissance; the Reformation of the Catholic church; and the Scientific Revolution—with plans to see as many castles as possible. Each spring, Mr. Urbani's class focuses almost entirely on European history from the 700s to the 1700s, and he explains, "I can only imagine how much this trip will change my second-semester teaching!"



**CHARLOTTE FITZGERALD: Primary School Music**  
**MARY FENNER<sup>☛</sup> & AMY WENDT: Lower School Music**

At the heart of St. Francis' Primary and Lower School music programs, the Kodály Method is a concept of music education that uses folk songs and



movement to teach musical concepts in a simple, sequential way. Kodály originated in Hungary, and our Primary and Lower School music teachers will be traveling to Kecskemét this summer to attend the 21st International Kodály Symposium. While there, they'll gain in-depth knowledge of the program and philosophy, which was introduced at St. Francis in 2011-12.

They also plan to bring home a wide body of enrichment materials, the ability to further enhance St. Francis' music program across divisions, and renewed excitement and inspiration that will help them continue to infuse their students with a passion for making and enjoying music.

<sup>☛</sup> *Mrs. Fenner passed away on February 13, 2013, after battling cancer. We honor the courage she showed by applying for the Woolrich Award in the face of great difficulty.*



The Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty was established by the Board of Trustees in 2002. The purpose of the fund is to provide to the Head of School a funding source to recruit and retain excellent teachers and to provide for special learning opportunities for faculty and staff members of the school.



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