



The 2008 Recipients of The Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty

*These teachers were selected as the fourth annual recipients of the Woolrich Fund.
They bring fresh perspectives to their classrooms and the entire St. Francis community.*



CATHY BUSSA
Fine Arts Department Chair

Ms. Bussa will tour the Musee du Louvre in Paris, France, to see the work of the masters first-hand. She will spend time like art students through the centuries have done, sketching and painting the work of the masters.



CAROL KEMPER
Nursery

Brain development and the young child are of great interest to Ms. Kemper, and that's why she will attend a conference at the Texas Assn. for Education of Young Children.



SHEILA NEWELL
English Teacher

Working with the World Congress, Ms. Newell will attend an International Reading Association conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, as she has done before in Budapest.



JENNIFER HENRY
Religious Education Teacher

Ms. Henry will travel to Israel and walk in the steps of Jesus, bringing back first-hand stories and photos of the Holy Land. Bible stories will come alive to her students as she shares her deepened perspectives.



SUSAN LUKENS
Director of Studies

Cave art holds a great fascination to Ms. Lukens, who will go to the Lascaux Caves in Limoges, France, to understand and coordinate a medium that could replicate drawings on stone cave walls.



ELLEN PRINCE
Second Grade Teacher

The Neuhaus Education Center in Houston, TX, will train Ms. Prince to become a dyslexia specialist to help children with dyslexia learn to read.



JILL HUGHES
Third Grade Teacher

Some of the leading experts in the field of reading and writing instruction are at the Heinemann Institute for Strategic Reading in Santa Fe, NM, and Ms. Hughes will take a hands-on workshop there.



BARBARA MERKLE
Kindergarten Teacher

Learning from other renowned kindergarten educators such as Donna Whyte is why Ms. Merkle will be attending the SDE National Conference in Las Vegas, NV.



GREG URBANI
History Teacher

Studying the accomplishments of the Roman Empire through a tour of Venice, Florence and Rome will help Mr. Urbani bring history alive to his students.



CARLO MINOTTI
Drama Teacher

Digital editing, no-dialogue short filmmaking, writing, directing and story development are some of the filmmaking aspects Mr. Minotti will study when he attends a filmmaking workshop in Houston, TX.