

# ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL

**Engage, educate and empower...** These are just a few of the values Mrs. Jennifer Orcales plans to bring to our Physical Education Program come Fall of 2014.

Named as Saint Margaret Mary School's new Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Orcales will design and implement a new and improved program that will not only meet the State's Physical Education Standards, but also increase a student's overall awareness in health and wellness. Physical activity should be a vital part of all students' lifestyle. Through our new P.E program, our primary goal is for students to make annual gross motor, physical fitness and object control gains so that they may increase their overall confidence- allowing them to be comfortable participating in activities within the community and family settings. In addition, our students will learn and develop positive social and cooperative skills (sportsmanship) through fun physical activities and competitive sports.

Yet, the faculty and staff at SMMS also believe that an interscholastic after school athletic program is important and should be built upon the positive qualities of pride, commitment and performance with an emphasis on academics and sportsmanship. Our school sports program should always adhere to the rules and regulations of the Catholic Youth Organization and our athletic director must develop processes and procedures surrounding the athletic program that work to ensure they are met within each program. For this reason, I am happy to announce that Mrs. Orcales will also take on the responsibilities of the SMMS Athletic Director. With this title, Mrs. Orcales will:

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Organize the overall program of interscholastic athletics pursuant to CYO policies.
2. Fosters good school/community relations by keeping the community aware of and responsive to the athletic program.
3. Coordinate and securing game officials.
4. Develop with approval of the principal, appropriate rules and regulations governing the conduct of teams and coaches.
5. Enforce academic requirements of eligibility for participating in each sport and verify each athlete's eligibility.

I have great faith in Mrs. Orcales and firmly believe that as a highly qualified and experienced credentialed teacher, she will develop a comprehensive athletic program ( both during school and after school) that will promote leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, goal-setting and other valuable life skills to all our students. I am ecstatic to welcome her on board to a team of incredibly devoted SMMS teachers!

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 310 251-5645 or [elisafzimm1@cox.net](mailto:elisafzimm1@cox.net)

Thank you,

Mrs. Zimmerman

