

Dear Parents and Students,

I am delighted to introduce myself as your Spanish and STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and/ or Mathematics) teacher at Saint Francis of Assisi School. This marks my sixth year at this wonderful school, and I am excited to continue my journey with this vibrant and faith-filled community.

About Me

My name is Señora Virginia Gomez, and I have had the privilege of teaching at Saint Francis of Assisi School for the past six years. During this time, I have developed a deep appreciation for our school's strong sense of community and commitment to nurturing both the academic and spiritual growth of our students. I hold a master's degree in education, and my passion lies in fostering a love of learning in both language and interdisciplinary subjects.

What to Expect This Year

Spanish Class: In our Spanish classes, students will continue their journey of learning a new language and deepening their understanding of the rich and diverse cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. I am excited to introduce our new textbook, "**En Vivo**," which provides an engaging, interactive approach to learning Spanish. This book will serve as a key resource as we explore traditions, history, music, art, and more, all while building strong language skills. Our curriculum will also emphasize the integration of Catholic values, helping students connect their faith with their studies.

STREAM Class: STREAM education combines creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning. This year, students will engage in exciting projects that blend science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and mathematics. As part of our STREAM program, we are thrilled to be incorporating resources, which provide cutting-edge tools and materials to enhance our students' learning experience. In addition to hands-on activities like coding, robotics, digital citizenship, and design, I am excited to introduce our **Studio TV and Podcast** initiatives, where students will have the opportunity to create their TV segments and podcasts, exploring and presenting topics they are passionate about.

Furthermore, I am thrilled to announce that our class will be participating in the **Future City Competition**, a prestigious nationwide program where students imagine, design, and build cities of the future. This competition encourages students to apply their STREAM skills in real-world contexts, fostering innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. It's an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and technical knowledge while addressing real-world challenges—all within the framework of our Catholic values.

Communication and Support

Having been part of the Saint Francis of Assisi community for several years, I have seen firsthand how open communication between teachers and parents plays a key role in student success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. I am here to support your child's educational journey and to ensure they have a fulfilling and enriching experience in both Spanish and STREAM classes.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year with your children, filled with learning, discovery, and spiritual growth. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we worked together to make this year a great success.

Warm regards,

Señora Virginia Gomez
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