



St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool

Home of the Junior Jaguars

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Meet Our Director:

Jean Wilson

My name is Jean Wilson and I am very excited to be part of the Junior Jaguar Preschool Program. Being part of the staff is like "coming home" for me.

I started working at St. Joseph back in 1988 in the Extended Day Care as an aide and later the director. I worked there all through college while I was receiving my degree in Child Development and my Teaching Credential. Upon completing school, I started my teaching fourth grade here at St. Joseph. I taught fourth grade for three years before starting my own family.



After being home full-time for a several years, I started back to work part-time at Wilson Preschool in Santa Clara as a Parent Education Preschool Teacher. Raising my own children as well as my work at Wilson Preschool helped me to fully appreciate the wonder and importance of Early Childhood Education. I taught all age groups at the preschool level from Toddlers to Pre-K.

I also have experience as Resource Specialist in Parent Education. I worked at Choices for Children in San Jose. In that role, I organized and presented workshops for parents on topics related to parenting including Positive Discipline, Taming Temper Tantrums, The Five Keys to Raising Healthy, Happy Eaters and Kindergarten Readiness. I also trained childcare providers on best practices with children in group settings.

On a personal note, I have been married for 20 years to a wonderful man named Mark. We have two children. Sam is a SJC alumni, attending Mitty High School and A.J. is 13 and in the 8th grade here at SJC. In my free time, I like to watch SF Giants games, read and work on my many house projects.

Meet Our Teachers:

Lauren Sullivan

My name is Lauren Sullivan and I feel very honored and blessed to be part of an amazing team of teachers and excellent preschool program for the Junior Jaguars Preschool at St. Joseph of Cupertino.

I believe that as a woman of faith my goal is to express my beliefs in my community through the education of children. I have had the pleasure of over five years of experience successfully planning, conducting and supervising activities with children of various pre-school and school ages. I enjoy creating exciting and enriched environments to enhance curriculum and quality learning experiences. I have an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and also completed coursework in American Sign Language. I recently received a Site Supervisor Child Development permit.

My dream had always been to work at St. Joseph School. My dream came true when starting my position in 2010. As an added bonus, I met my husband in the halls of St. Joseph (he is the sixth grade teacher). We were married in June 2013. It is so exciting to be living my dream and I look forward each year to inspire our students to start creating their dreams.

Maria Deguara

My name is Maria Deguara and I am so excited to be one of the teachers for the St. Joseph of Cupertino Junior Jaguar Preschool Program.

I am an SJC alumna, attending St. Joseph of Cupertino School from kindergarten through eighth grade. While attending Saint Francis High School, I worked at St. Joseph's Extended Care program and I continued to work there during college.

I started my college career as a Nursing major, however I soon felt a passion for Child Development. I have an Associate of Science degree in Biological Science, and an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts (with an emphasis in Math, Science, and Engineering).

I worked as the Co-Director of St. Joseph's Extended Care Program as well as the P.E. aide for the primary grades.

I was married here at St. Joseph of Cupertino in July 2009 to my high school sweetheart, Matt, and we have two boys. Our oldest, Mason, is a Junior Jaguar this year and our younger son, Lucas, just turned two.

Bianca Liu

My name is Bianca Liu. I feel blessed to be one of the teachers here at SJC preschool.

I have a master's degree in education and a Montessori Early Childhood Teaching Credential. Upon completing my graduate studies, I worked at Legend Learning and Family Resource Center for five years, teaching elementary school children in an afterschool setting. After starting my own family and staying home with my elder daughter for a few years, I went back to school and earned my teaching credential as a Montessori teacher. Then I went on to teach at Delight Montessori school for four years.

This is now my fourth year teaching at SJC preschool. I enjoy coming to school every day. It is a privilege to watch the children learn and grow in so many different ways.

As a mother and a preschool teacher, I know how anticipated and at the same time how unsure a child would feel about starting preschool, you can be sure your child will find many loving and caring teachers here to walk that path with him/her. And for the Chinese families in our community, since I speak both Mandarin and Cantonese, your child will find an additional support among all the friendly teachers.

On a personal note, my older daughter is a 5th grader and my younger one a 1st grader here at SJC.

Maryla Nachnani

My name is Maryla Nachnani. I am looking forward to working with the children and the great team of teachers here at Saint Joseph of Cupertino Preschool this year.

I grew up in Poland where I received my Masters from the Pedagogical Academy in Cracow. My early work experience was as an elementary teacher in Warsaw. Then I moved to the United States and studied Early Childhood Education at DeAnza College. At DeAnza, I had the opportunity to work in the Child Development Center with preschool children. There, I discovered that I enjoyed working with this age group and decided to pursue my career in early childhood education. I worked at DeAnza's Child Development Center as a teacher for two years; during which, I received my site supervisor permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

I joined St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool two years ago. I have fallen in love with SJC's unique community of faculty and parents, where everyone has a voice and is involved with the school.

I am married, and I have a son who is a student at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Outside the school, I love to hike, go to the beach, read books, and spend time with my family.

Kim Boyd

My name is Kim Boyd. I am married to Rob and have two beautiful girls Callie, 12 and Chloe, 14. We have been part of the SJC community for several years. I can't tell you what an answer to our prayers this school has been. We found everything we wanted in an educational place for our girls and a family community to belong to. I have worked with children for many years in the mental health field. I am so excited to be part of the preschool staff as a Substitute Teacher. *I am looking forward to helping make your child's preschool experience the best it can be.*