

Four new teachers replace SMSH's surplussed

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In order to relieve the pressure of the teacher/student ratio, four new teachers have been recruited to SMSH to fill in several empty positions.

New to the science department is Jorge Alonso. Formerly a teacher at Robert E. Lee Jr. High, he previously completed his internship here at SMSH. He commented, "While I interned here, I liked it very much, and I'm glad that I'm back".

In the health department is Roy Kelly, a graduate of FIU who interned here last year. Besides being a health teacher, he is the trainer for all the sports teams.

"This is my first year teaching anywhere. As far as SMSH goes, I like the friendliness of the students and the teachers and the cleanliness of the school."

There are two new faces in the physical education department. Formerly a teacher from Southwest Senior High, Marilyn McClain joins SMSH as the gymnastics teacher. She

thinks SMSH has "a lot of potential for athletics."

Also new is Dawn Wilson, previously a teacher at Coral Gables High. She teaches all aspects of physical education here at SMSH. She admitted,

"I'm excited to get this job. I think this is a very nice school."

Some may ask why more teachers were not hired to replace the many that left last year. This question doesn't

have one answer, though.

Many teachers who left last year didn't have a permanent contract, and thus, their tenure ended as school ended.

Also, since the School Board

mandated larger class sizes, the number of teachers grew smaller. The fact that teachers have to teach a six period day instead of a five period day also has reduced the number of teachers needed.

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