

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this message of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Santapogue Elementary School. The opportunity to serve as your principal is a dream come true and I can't wait for the first day of school to arrive.

I have been fortunate enough to work within the West Babylon district for sixteen years. My career started in 2000 at the Junior High School as a 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies teacher where I then moved on to become the K-8 Social Studies Coordinator. My most recent administrative experience has been shaped by five years of successful leadership as the Junior High School Assistant Principal. I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader to Santapogue Elementary.

Along with staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established here, by providing the best opportunities to prepare our students to be world class citizens ready to master the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One of the most important aspects of my work here will be building strong relationships with students, teachers and families. You will find me in the hallways, cafeterias, classrooms and on the playground getting to know your children. My passion has been and always will be educating the whole child.

As a member of the West Babylon family, I am continually reminded how truly special our district is. The positive atmosphere and exemplary academic programs that are offered make me proud to part of this district and now part of the Santapogue family.

As principal, my door will always be open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in or call to discuss any concerns, suggestions or ideas to help make this the best year ever.

As a reminder, come down on \*August 23, 2016 at 11:30 am\* to meet me and get some delicious ice cream!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carere  
Santapogue Principal