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## ALUMNI FOCUS

"Sometimes we can't see the forest for the trees!" This old adage is quoted a lot-probably because it is so true. When considering who to choose for the spotlight in the Alumni Focus, Mr. Ten Napel commented, "We have a lot of alumni right here in our school!" What a joy it is to highlight our own wonderful alumni staff!

Three of our elementary teachers are alumni: Jen DeRidder is in her second year of teaching kindergarten; Jennie Nyenhuis has been with us a year and teaches 3rd grade; and Karla Te Slaa has been at SFCS since the 2006-2007 year and teaches 4th grade.

In the middle school we have four alumni: Michelle Boer came to us last year and is a math and reading instructor; Christine Egan began at SFCS for the 2004-2005 school year and teaches music; Sherra van Donkersgoed teaches science and started this fall; and Lisa Young came to SFCS for the 2005-



Alumni teachers at SFCS. Top row, L-R: Ivan Voss, Christine Egan (Dutton), Jennie Cobb (Nyenhuis), Karla Te Slaa, Jen DeRidder; Bottom row, L-R: Michelle Boer (Blue), Carrie Rietsema (Ten Napel), Lisa Young (Moe), Sherra van Donkersgoed (Ten Napel).

2006 year and teaches language arts, social studies, and PE.

Carrie Rietsema, one of two alumni teaching in the high school, started this year and teaches geometry and algebra. Ivan Voss has the honor of being the alumnus who has been with us the longest; he has been here since the 1998-1999 school year. Ivan teaches social studies as well as being our technology coordinator.

We are so thankful these alumni returned to SFCS! Their servant hearts and positive attitudes are an "across the board"

characteristic which reflects their passion to teach in the light of God's word! They are, along with the many other teachers at SFCS, one of the "distinctives" of Christian education. We applaud them for using their skills to further the Kingdom of God by partnering with parents and the church in "bringing up a child in the way he should go."