

Saint Mary's is proud to announce that Brandi Dittus has been named Director of Cheerleading and will oversee the expansion and development of this popular school activity.

In her position as director, Mrs. Dittus will help expand the program to include grades 3 through 8. The program will include a school cheerleading squad that will support other Saint Mary's sports activities. In addition, the new director will oversee a competition team that will participate in various events across the region.

Mrs. Dittus formerly served as cheerleading coach for 12 years at Saint Mary's before leaving in 2005 due to the birth of her second child and ensuing family obligations. She was instrumental in establishing our program as one of the elite squads in the region. Many of her former athletes, including the most recent coach, were mentored by Mrs. Dittus during her previous tenure here.

"I'm thrilled to have Brandi with us," said Sister Margaret, principal. "We were looking for someone to help lead this expansion of the cheerleading program and her incredible talents and accomplishments cannot be understated."

Mrs. Dittus, a former Saint Mary's student (Brandi Kotova, Class of 1987), is currently a 9th grade teacher at Vineland High School. She is the mother of two children who attend Saint Mary's, daughter Gabrielle, who will be entering Pre-K 3, and son Zachary, who will be entering First Grade in September.

"I look forward to providing a fun-filled environment for all the children and parents who are interested in cheerleading," Mrs. Dittus said. "Saint Mary's remains close to my heart and my goal is to keep the tradition of the school and our cheerleading program alive and well.

"I look forward to working closely with Sister Margaret as we move ahead with this expansion of our program," she added.