



# THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL

**August 16th, 2018**

Hello!

We hope that you all are having a wonderful summer and are ready to jump into the Upper School. We sure are! We are your freshmen advisors and wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves.

We are:

- Hannah Lane: Upper School Spanish teacher, faculty advisor for Student Government and Spectrum
- Zach Nacev: Upper/Middle School Humanities teacher, Boys' and Girls' JV Soccer coach
- Clare Costello: Upper/Middle School English teacher, Model UN advisor
- Edith Soghomonian: Upper School French teacher, World Languages Club co-advisor
- Izzy Buikus: Upper/Middle School Art teacher
- Jason Louttit: Upper School Math teacher
- Bernoli Baello: Upper School AP Calc, AP Stats, Chemistry teacher

We're really looking forward to spending the year with the freshmen and helping them to excel academically and feel at home in the Upper School. We know that starting Upper School can feel daunting, so we, as advisors, spent time together this summer designing a ninth grade-specific advisory program that focuses on specific wants and needs of the freshmen at The Prairie School.

We are looking forward to spending some time during the first semester honing study skills, talking through some social issues that students face (responsible social media use, healthy relationships, etc.), developing stress management strategies, and building a strong community among the ninth grade class. We hope that our new Freshman Advisory Program will help students new to Prairie as well as TPS Middle School graduates transition seamlessly from eighth grade to Upper School.

We look forward to seeing you all at Manito-Wish soon!

Your Freshmen Advisors