

New TKA Staff & Faculty 2020-2021

New Faculty Biographies

Rachel Hirota will be teaching English 6 this year. Mrs. Hirota has been teaching for nearly twenty years in Christian school, public school, and online school settings. Mrs. Hirota has a California Clear Teaching Credential in English and Social Science, an M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision, and an MA in English.

Renan Pineda comes to TKA with more than twenty years of teaching experience. He holds a MA in Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University, a MA in Theology, and a BA in Philosophy & Spanish from the University of San Francisco. We look forward to having Mr. Pineda join our World Languages Department, where he will teach **Spanish 1** and **Spanish 2** this year.

Laura Tompkins, a former TKA faculty member, possesses a California Clear Teaching Credential in Mathematics, an MA Ed. from Stanford University, and a BA in Mathematics from Occidental College. Over the past ten years, her teaching experiences have ranged from General Math to Advanced Math. This year, Mrs. Tompkins looks forward to returning to our Math Department as our Calculus teacher.