



## ONE OF TKA'S FIRST TEACHERS **JANET HAUGEN**

**Serves TKA for 22 years**

Janet Haugen has blessed and served The King's Academy for 22 years but will be leaving at the end of this school year for another very important calling, where she is greatly needed. Next year, Mrs. Haugen will live in Riverside to help her daughter care for her three wonderful children, two of whom have special needs. Her husband, Chris Haugen, will continue to teach math at TKA. While it is very difficult, actually a bit unfathomable, for the TKA community to see Mrs. Haugen leave, her legacy will remain.

Janet Haugen was among the first small group of teachers at TKA! She began her service at TKA in the fall of 1991 teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade and has held a multitude of key teaching and ministry positions at the school. Over the years, Mrs. Haugen has taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science, 7<sup>th</sup> grade English, Pre-Algebra, Government and Economics (regular and honors), and 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History. For the past 8 years, she has taught AP U.S. History and 11<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History.

Mrs. Haugen talks about how she first came to The King's Academy: "*I homeschooled our two children, then taught history and science to fifteen homeschoolers once a week. I was asked to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade to six girls and loved that. Then I was asked to teach at The King's Academy its first year. At first, I said no, because I had also been offered a position in nursing research. My degree is in nursing, so I thought I should pursue that career. However, when I went to orientation for my new nursing job, I felt a sense of panic that I was in the wrong place. By God's design, Principal Jack McBirney called back that same day to say, "Are you sure you don't want to teach at The King's Academy?" I told him that I did indeed want to teach for The King's Academy. I've been here ever since, and this is my love, my ministry, my passion, my calling!*"

In addition to teaching all these years, Mrs. Haugen served as a TKA Board member for 9 years and has been a dedicated class advisor, spending 11 years as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class advisor before serving as a junior class advisor for 11 years. She has dedicated countless hours organizing the football game BBQs and making sure the junior class trip to San Francisco each December and the Junior Senior Banquet each spring would be God-honoring and memorable events for the students.

In Principal Bob Kellogg's words, "*Janet Haugen has earned the love and respect of the countless kids she has worked with over her 22-year tenure here at The King's Academy. Mrs. Haugen has that rare combination of an abiding love for our Savior, a Spirit-given compassion for adolescent youth, and a mastery of teaching the curriculum. We will miss her beyond measure but will commit to pray for her family calling. My congratulations on a sterling career at TKA. Thank you, Janet.*"

Now, her children and grandchildren need her most, and she is following God's leading--and her mother's heart. We praise the Lord for all she is and all the love and wisdom she has imparted to the students and staff at TKA. May God bless her new journey!

If members of The King's Academy community would like to send a card or note to Mrs. Haugen, please send it to her name c/o The King's Academy, 562 N. Britton Avenue, Sunnyvale, 94085 or email her directly at [Janet.Haugen@tka.org](mailto:Janet.Haugen@tka.org).