

## SEPARATED BUT UNITED

For far too long we have been separated from each other, distanced from our students, removed from our familiar classrooms, but through all of this time we've been united in our mission and kept our focus on what matters most - we carry on, enriching the lives of our students no matter the distance and to the greatest lengths.

### A Letter from the Director

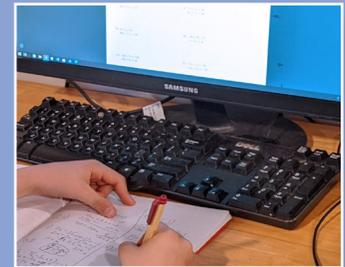
Everything is different about this Autumn. The school started its 17th year by opening all classes online. It turned out to be much more difficult than we anticipated after the online spring semester.

We rose up to the challenge - we adapted our programs, introduced new components, reduced class sizes and tried to make our lessons enjoyable for us to teach and for children to be a part of. I am certain that we will take away from this experience feeling stronger, wiser and newer.

Dear teachers and staff, thank you very much for your hard work, creativity, and constant desire to share your love for math, science, languages, and art with our students. Thank you all for your support!

Marina Polonskaia,  
SchoolNova Director

### Our 20-21 classrooms:



### 2020-2021:

**449** students enrolled in  
**103** classes and clubs:

**42** Math classes (13 levels)  
**12** Math Clubs  
**21** Science Classes  
**2** Physics Clubs  
**20** Language Classes  
**6** Arts and Enrichment

### TAUGHT BY:

**43** Instructors and  
**20** Teachers' Assistants

We welcomed  
**9** new and returning  
teachers and  
**5** new TAs  
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**9** members



National Math Competition AMC 8 was held remotely on November 11, 2020. 41 students from SchoolNova and a general community took part. Congratulations to all participants and on behalf of all, we thank Alexander Kirillov for providing this wonderful opportunity for the 15th year!

We are proud of our incredible faculty - current, joining new and returning old. Thank you all for answering the call and coming together, even from the other parts of the world and different time zones. Please visit our website to learn more about our amazing teachers: <https://schoolnova.org/nova/teachers>

## SCHOOLNOVA WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING STAFF



**MISHA BULYGIN**  
Computer Science



**L. TRACEY GAO**  
Chemistry



**DAVID FRENKLAKH**  
Physics



**ANETA IORDANOVA**  
Mathematics



**MARIA KARBOVSKAYA**  
Mathematics



**KSENYA KAYRAN**  
Russian Language



**TIMOTHY PALUMBO**  
English Language Arts



**TATIANA PYATINA**  
Chemistry



**NATASHA ZAYFMAN**  
Mathematics

## 5 NEW TEACHING ASSISTANTS, WELCOME TO THE TEAM:

**ANATOLII V.**

- a senior student at Ward Melville High School. Tolya (as he likes to be called) enjoys the concepts of logic that are found in math and physics, as well the subjects as a whole. He is also fond of literature, both in reading and writing.

**NEAL C.**

- a junior student at Ward Melville High School. His favorite subjects are Math, Physics, Biology and History. Neal plays jazz and classical piano, and is a fan of classic literature.

**JONATHAN Z.**

- a junior student at Ward Melville High School. His interests lie in STEM fields with a mix of playing tennis and video games in his free time to top it up.

**NICHOLAS S.**

- a student at Earl L. Vandermeulen High School. His primary interests are programming in Python and Lua. Nicholas is also a devoted violin player.

**WILLIAM W.**

- a junior student at Earl L Vandermeulen High School. William has passion for Mathematics, the beauty of which he has admittedly discovered through SchoolNova program. He expressed feeling overjoyed to give back to SchoolNova by becoming a TA.

*"We would like to welcome our new members to SchoolNova Teacher 's Assistant (TA) program. The TA program has 20 young scholars, who are helping in 48 classes by participating in classes and grading homework. Thank you all, who helped with the Math Placement test. With the growing interest in Physics classes it remains a challenge to fill all grading positions.*

*If you are a SchoolNova graduate, please consider applying to SchoolNova TA program."*

*Oksana Ivashkevych,  
TA Program Coordinator*

Our heartfelt thanks to The Marilyn and James Simons Foundation for generously extending their support for SchoolNova's outreach programs and to our Board of Directors for actively pursuing every opportunity they can find to make SchoolNova's financial future secure. Special thank you to Andreea Dragut, vice president of the Board, for her tremendous efforts in this pursuit, and to our school director Marina Polonskaia for keeping it all together!