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CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

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THANK YOU TO OUR STELLAR FACULTY

As 20-21 School Year comes to its end, we can't resist shining a spotlight on our resilient faculty!

One of the proudest moments in reflecting on the passing year is thinking of our distinct team of teachers. Thank you all for your dedication and innovation!

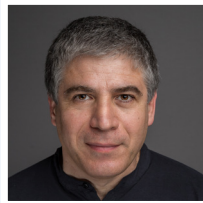


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QUINDECENNIAL ACHIEVEMENT

15 YEARS AND BEYOND! THANK YOU!

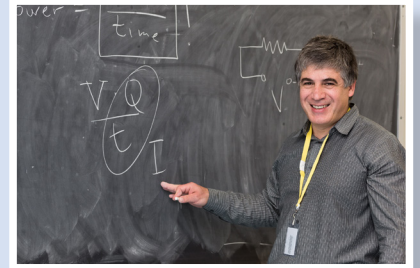
2021 marks the 17th year since the school was founded. The story of this school would not be complete...well, there wouldn't be a story without the people who made it what it is today. SchoolNova has been very fortunate to be the fruit of a hard work, bright ideas and a shared vision of a group of brilliant people, some of who have been nurturing this fruit for over 15 years. Here are SchoolNova veterans:



ALEXANDRE ABANOV

Since the start of SchoolNova Sasha has been an integral part of the school. Teaching Math classes, and Advanced Physics clubs, serving on the Board of Directors, taking meaningful part in every aspect of school

life. Sasha's been a liaison between SchoolNova and SBU Department of Physics and Astronomy.



ANDREI ANTONENKO

Andrei's journey at SchoolNova has begun in 2005. As a truly talented teacher, he has brought Mathematics into the lives of many children over the years, chairing SchoolNova middle grades Math Department. Andrei has a PhD in Linguistics, uniquely enriching

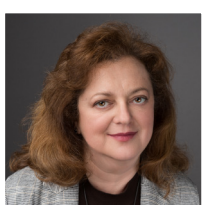
the lives of his students in both. Without exaggeration, some say that the direction of their education and career pursuit became clear once they met Andrei.



ALEXANDER KIRILLOV

Shurik has played a remarkable role in growth and development of SchoolNova. Teaching high school Math, leading Advanced Problem Solving clubs, leading Robotics, chairing higher grades SN Math department,

organizing and hosting AMC 8, AMC 10/12 competitions for 15 consecutive years, being the front and the back end web developer for SchoolNova, to name a few.



MARINA POLONSKAIA

2004 marked the beginning of a new life for Marina - founding SchoolNova with a group of academic enthusiasts like herself, and taking on a responsibility of becoming it's principal and director. Marina has united the most unique community of scientists, educators

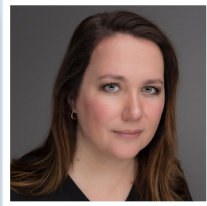
friends and families in the pursuit of valued education, fostering love of learning and embracing innovative ideas.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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TATIANA PORTNAYA

Starting in 2006, Tatiana's name became synonymous with Love of Math at SchoolNova. Tanya's been teaching Math in the most unique, charismatic way, with compelling charm which inspires devotion in her students.

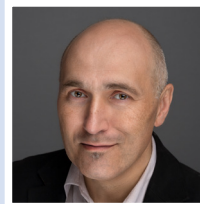
Tanya has been a co-organizer of CafeNova program for high school students and a contributor to curriculum development



NADEZHDA SHAVARINA

Nadya has been the beam of cultural light at the heart of SchoolNova since 2006. Not only teaching Russian to the youngest, Nadya has dedicated herself to giving children a rare opportunity to act in a theater. The

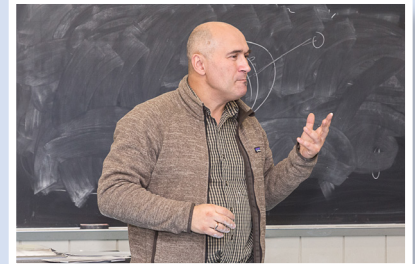
overwhelming success of Nadya's Theater-Studio "Dragonfly" is attributed to her love of children, passion for the theater and her phenomenal directing.



SERGEI SUCHALKIN

Since 2006 Sergei has been the pillar of SchoolNova's Physics foundation. Besides teaching Physics, Sergei is engaged in Advanced Physics Clubs, organizes and hosts F=ma and PhysicsBowl competitions, participates in annual Math and Science Festival

offering amazing demonstrations and hands-on experiments, and develops Physics curriculum.



TATIANA WEAKLEY

Tatiana is the Russian Language soul of SchoolNova since 2006. Her Russian classes are infused with love of Literature, Poetry and songs. Her kind gentle teaching method gives her students more than language arts, it nurtures them in every way.

Her students participate in Russian Language Olympiad and an annual World Languages Concert.



ELENA YAKUBOVSKAYA

Lena has been the engine of the elementary Mathematics at SchoolNova since the beginning. Lena's curiosity, efficiency, entrepreneurial spirit and fascination with the minds of children made her the driving force of invention, innovation, and of course fun

and games! Besides being a beloved Math teacher, Lena has been a chair of SchoolNova Elementary Math Department, lead organizer of Math and Science Festival, organizer of Elem. Math Clubs and a curriculum developer. Lena was among the first school founders.



CROSSING THE DECENNIUM

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10 YEARS AND BEYOND!

2021 marks a decennium and beyond with SchoolNova for some of our teachers. It is our privilege to be a part of such dedicated faculty team!



TATIANA TCHEREVIK

Tatiana taught Russian Language at SchoolNova for 12 years and has always been an essential member of the team. She was our first Teaching Assistants Program coordinator when the program was launched in 2017. Tanya moved to a new location, but remains an important part of SchoolNova's life and offers a helping hand whenever she can.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MARLEINE CHIOFALO

Starting in 2009, Marleine has been SchoolNova's prominent French teacher. For over 10 years Marleine has brought SchoolNova students to the heights of many French Language awards in Le Grand Concours and other competitions, participation in which she organizes yearly.



CORINA MATA

Corina is a long-time parent, teacher and a member of the Board at SchoolNova. As a teacher, she spent more than a decade fostering a mindset of problem solvers in her Math class students. Besides her classes, Corina is a Math Club instructor. She has been a volunteer and a generous contributor to SchoolNova. Currently she serves as the President of SchoolNova Board of Directors.



ALEXEI TKACHENKO

Alexei has started his 10th year with SchoolNova as a Physics teacher. He is always eager to contribute to any SchoolNova event or a program his fresh ideas, great solutions, deep knowledge, brilliant initiatives and always his profound sense of humor!



TATYANA ZALIZNYAK

Tatyana has spent over 10 years with SchoolNova teaching Russian, Advanced Russian, Mathematics in Russian and in English. For over 10 years, Tanya has been the organizer of Math Kangaroo International Olympiad participation for our community. Tanya plays an important role in every SchoolNova event and never misses a beat.



DIANA ZELTSER

2021 marks Diana's 10th year at SchoolNova. Diana teaches our youngest students - by far the most challenging task for most of us, but not for Diana - her dynamic, joyous, happy nature makes her the most perfect person for the job! Sounds of music and cheer fill the halls when Diana's class is in session

