

# Donald Arnholz Takes Helm As New Concordia Principal

Donald Arnholz didn't have to travel very far to get to his new job as principal of Concordia Lutheran School. He arrived at Concordia in 1965, to teach math in grades five through eight, and has been here ever since.

He's even sat behind the principal's desk before, carrying on for Al Barkhau, whom he now succeeds, at time when Barkhau was unable to be present.

To make everything even easier, Barkau, Arnholz says, left everything in perfect order.

With all of these bonuses going for him, Arnholz is never-the-less not quite at home with his new job yet. "You have to find things on your own," he explains with a smile, acknowledging that his year's here as a teacher

Concordia will start its academic year by having its teachers call on the parents of all students, a practice which was reinstated at the school after an experiment with a different program.

The school tried, Arnholz said, a mass orientation at the beginning of the year, inviting all parents to gather at the school. In discussing the results, teachers and administrators decided, says Arnholz, that home visits "give you a much better idea about the child . . . you can get a setting of the context in which they talk, and an idea of what some of their problems are." Additionally, he explains, the home visit approach forms a better basis for a working relationship between parent and teacher.

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