## Teacher of the Year Madame Benchiekh

Madame Benchiekh came to the United States from Morocco. Madame Benchiekh is happily married to her husband Robert. They do not have any children, but are just as proud of their dog, Brittany. Madame Benchiekh received her masters degree in education from the University of South Carolina and a bachelors degree in Specialist Language from UCSB. She first came to the United States as a participant in an exchange program. "I like the United States so much that I came back to finish college at The University of South Carolina in 1986", she commented. Madame Benchiekh has been a teacher at Fairfield Central High School for the past four years. When asked about the students here she stated, "We have great kids and a great faculty this year." When asked why she thinks she deserved to be Teacher of the Year, she said, "I think I am an outstanding teacher as far as being effective, having good teaching strategies, and discipline strategies. My students are very well behaved because of that. We are constantly learning new things everyday. In addition, I am a very prompt person. I am not only involved in my classroom, but with other committees as well. I am the chair person of several committees, and basically, it is volunteer work. I am exceptionally skillful, and I am able to manage all this with a busy schedule." Madame Bencheikh also said, "I am very pleased and proud to receive such an award. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to do such." Congratulations, Madame Benchiekh!



Standing outside his door, Mr. Rettberg watches the halls between classes.



Grading papers, Mrs. Johnson corrects a slight problem.



"Hola! Que tal? What?" Mr. Brinkman teaches his class new vocabulary.