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# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Serving the Woodlands and Surrounding Areas Since 2001*

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## Meet the Staff

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[Aldrich, Charlotte](#)

**Before and After School Manager**

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[Balli, Fernanda](#)

**Spanish Teacher**

University of Texas at Austin

B.S. in Applied Learning and Development

"I believe that all students can learn. It is my responsibility as an educator to guide and facilitate this process. It is my desire to help students grow into life-long, avid learners."

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[Balsam, Beth](#)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

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[Callais, Dona](#)

**Religion Assistant**

Nicholls State University

Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education

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[Carson, Colette](#)

**Bookkeeper and Secretary**

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[Chaix, Dona](#)

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

Southeastern Louisiana University

BA in Elementary Ed 1-8

Charleston Southern University -

Masters in Elementary Administration

"I believe that children can succeed in all walks of life. By providing a loving, nurturing, and spiritual environment, we, as teachers, can guide our children to reach their highest potential."

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[Clark, Jo Anna](#)

**Middle School Drill Team Director**

281-681-8323 studio number

"As a dance educator of 26 years my ultimate goal is to teach your dancer strong dance technique while instilling discipline, good sportsmanship, and high moral character. I will provide encouragement for your child as I strive to build the self-esteem and confidence that is so crucial during the developing years. Constructive criticism will be used while polishing technique and routines; ultimately helping your child to accept criticism graciously and gracefully. Peer critiques will also be utilized, allowing your child to develop both a sense of responsibility for the success of their own team and the development of leadership skills. Outside of all these "grown-up" concerns, your child will develop friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. I feel the drill team program has a lot to offer, and I would love to be a part of your child's development. I look forward to working with you and your child."

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[Creager, Tammy](#)

**Before and After School Program**

North Harris County University

Tomball College

Sam Houston State University

University of Texas at Arlington

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[Cunningham, Mary](#)

**Receptionist**

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<a href="#">Dueitt, Linda</a> <b>Kindergarten Assistant</b>	
<a href="#">Duplantier, Caitlin</a> <b>Electives</b> University of North Texas B.A. Science in Education Grades 4-8	"My educational philosophy focuses on preparing my students for the rest of their lives. I believe that it is necessary to provide them with the skills they will need throughout high school, college, and their future careers."
<a href="#">Duplantier, Stacey</a> <b>7th Grade Home Room Teacher</b> <b>Middle School Language Arts</b> B.A. University of New Orleans Rice University Advanced Placement Summer Institute	"It has been my pleasure to teach at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School for seven years. In that time I have taught third grade and grades six through eight. I enjoy helping the students to reach their potential both academically and spiritually. It is especially gratifying to witness the growth of our students' maturity and discipleship during the middle school years."
<a href="#">Fichler, Dennis</a> <b>Middle School Band Director</b> Bachelor of Music Education- Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Masters - University of Houston	"Music is a wonderful outlet for artistic expression. My goal as a teacher at SAOPCS is to help the students learn the love of music along with the three R's; respect, responsibility and reverence."
<a href="#">Fahey, Laura</a> <b>Kindergarten Teacher</b> B.S. Louisiana State University - Early Childhood	"It is my belief that children learn by doing. By setting a wonderful example, just as Jesus did, I hope to instill the passion for learning by providing many hands-on, tactile experiences in a nurturing and faith-filled environment where all children can succeed."
<a href="#">Failde, Arlene</a> <b>MS Service and Speech</b> B.A. University of Southern California	"I believe in creating an environment where children can grow and be lifelong learners."
<a href="#">Fishman, Tammy</a> <b>Librarian</b> Texas A&M University - BS - Ele Edu Texas A&M University - Masters	"I believe that children can accomplish anything they strive for through a nourishing, loving, and accepting environment. My hope is that through my love of books and reading, I will help to instill a lifetime love of reading and books. Parents and faculty working together in Christ create a special place where students can excel and learn."
<a href="#">Foy, Laura</a> <b>PreK-3 Teacher</b> B.S. Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City	"I strive to instill the love of learning in young children and to teach them to live as Jesus' disciple."
<a href="#">Greene, Danielle</a> <b>Theatre</b>	
<a href="#">Hansen, Rosanna</a> <b>Kindergarten Assistant</b>	
<a href="#">Hollander, Janine</a> <b>Art Teacher</b> B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design	"Art is all around us. Learning to see it and appreciate it is an integral part of every child's education. Plant some color and watch a rainbow bloom!"
<a href="#">Hunter, Donna B.</a> <b>4A Teacher</b> BS in Education Curriculum & Instruction Texas A&M University	"Working together students, parents and educators can grow to their full potential."
<a href="#">Ivers, Ashley</a> <b>5th Grade Teacher</b> Sam Houston State University B.S. Academic Studies with Specialization in Math	"I believe that each child is a unique individual who needs a stimulating and caring atmosphere in which to grow intellectually and spiritually. It is my desire as an educator to help students reach their fullest potential."
<a href="#">Johnson, Angela</a> <b>Music Teacher PreK - 8th</b> B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design	"I believe that students should not only learn about music but also 'experience' music. I want my students to have fun while learning about music, about themselves, about others, about beauty, about life."
<a href="#">Johnson, Lisa</a> <b>Receptionist</b>	
<a href="#">Kinch, Becki</a> <b>Development Director</b>	

<p><a href="#">Klinckwort, Stacey</a>  <b>Spanish Teacher, PreK-K</b>  B.A.-Baylor University</p>	<p>"I believe that all children can excel when given a fun and positive environment. By exposing children to other languages and exploring cultural diversity, we expand our children's knowledge and enlighten their view of our world."</p>
<p><a href="#">Koett, Heather</a>  <b>P.E. Elementary and MS Teacher</b>  B.S. Texas Tech University</p>	<p>"Physical Education is a great way to learn lifelong skills like having fun, being a team player, and self-confidence. Every child may not be an athlete, but every child can be on a team and play in P.E. My goal is for each student to try different sports and games and find one that they really enjoy. Since we are all a kid at heart, I try to cultivate a love for playing that will carry them through adulthood."</p>
<p><a href="#">Leddy, Susan</a>  <b>Assistant Principal</b>  B.A. University of Findlay  M.Ed. University of Houston, Victoria</p>	<p>"I believe all children need the opportunity to grow, in mind and in spirit, and learn in a nurturing, learner-centered environment. This environment needs to accommodate children's different developmental levels and learning styles. It needs to allow children to be challenged and become independent learners and thinkers."</p>
<p><a href="#">Lowen, Sarah</a>  <b>Kindergarten Teacher</b>  B.S. in Early Childhood  Franciscan University of Steubenville</p>	<p>"I believe children should experience learning through hands-on activities and developmentally appropriate tasks daily. I believe the integration of the parents, teachers, and church combine together to create the ultimate learning environment."</p>
<p><a href="#">Loyo, Monique</a>  <b>3rd Grade Teacher</b>  B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies  Stephen F. Austin State University</p>	<p>"Attitude is something we choose daily. With a positive attitude, trust in our faith and cooperative teamwork with parents and staff, children can grow and learn beyond their expectations."</p>
<p><a href="#">McBroom, Rena'</a>  <b>8th Grade Teacher</b>  BBA - Eastern Michigan University  Montgomery College  Alternative Certification</p>	<p>"Attitude is everything, so choose a good one."</p>
<p><a href="#">Maier, Jackie</a>  <b>Middle School Math Teacher</b>  <b>Technology Assistant</b>  <b>Stock Market Teacher</b>  B.S. LeMoyne College  M.S.Ed. Niagara University</p>	<p>"I believe that children are a gift and watching them grow is a joy. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of their social, spiritual, and academic development. As a teacher at St. Anthony of Padua, I am blessed to be a facilitator in each child's development."</p>
<p><a href="#">Mattern, Cristofer</a>  <b>5th Grade Teacher</b>  University of Texas - Austin  B.S. Elementary Education, EC-4  Minor, English</p>	<p>"I am very excited to begin another year of teaching. I believe all children can be taught, but it is our job as educators to figure out the best way to reach them. 'A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.' - Henry Brooks Adams"</p>
<p><a href="#">Meredith, Chris</a>  <b>Athletic Director</b>  <b>Physical Education Teacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>  B.S. University of Houston</p>	<p>"I believe that both physical education and athletics provide unique opportunities to teach good Christian values such as teamwork, good sportsmanship, hard work, fair play, and commitment."</p>
<p><a href="#">Miller, Karen</a>  <b>Religion Coordinator</b>  B.A. Marymount College  Rice University --  Advanced Placement Summer Institute</p>	<p>"I see my responsibilities as an educator to be an encourager, a developer, an enhancer, and someone who walks beside the children on their path to discovery, but who gently guides them in the direction they need to go. I love teaching - it's all I've ever wanted to do - because it gives me the opportunity to help light the fires of learning, and hopefully, a life-long pursuit of knowledge. In my position as Religion teacher for the Middle School, I have the added responsibility and privilege to help guide my students to a better understanding of our Faith, and acceptance of our commitment to Christ and one another."</p>
<p><a href="#">Molbert, Lesley</a>  <b>2nd Grade Teacher</b>  B.A. Elementary Education  Louisiana State University</p>	<p>"As teachers, we are blessed to have the opportunity to enrich the minds of our future and shape their spiritual lives. By creating a child-centered and loving community, all students can be successful!"</p>

<p><a href="#">Nitsche, Brittany</a>  <b>6th Grade Teacher</b>  Bachelor of Arts from Sam Houston State University  Major: Social Studies  Minor: Psychology and Secondary Education  ESL certified</p>	<p>"It is my goal as an educator to inspire children to learn through my love of learning and them. I believe all children will learn if you provide them a comfortable learning environment and try to make learning fun. I want to be a good role model for them both spiritually and academically and encourage my students to fulfill their potential and succeed in any aspect of life they chose."</p>
<p><a href="#">Nunez, Renee'</a>  <b>Principal</b>  B.S. McNeese State University  M.Ed. University of Louisiana at Lafayette</p>	<p>"I believe that every child of God will grow in His goodness. Believing that Christ is the ever present teacher and model, I strive to provide opportunities for our students to grow in mind, body, and spirit, becoming the leaders of the future for our church and community. It is a blessing and privilege to lead a Catholic school community committed to witnessing our faith, and sharing Christ with all those we meet."</p>
<p><a href="#">Pavlock, Leslie</a>  <b>Nurse</b>  Memorial Hermann Memorial City  School of Vocational Nursing</p>	<p>"It is my responsibility as a school nurse to provide care physically, spiritually and emotionally to our children, especially in their time of need. I feel blessed to be a part of their growth and development." . . . . Come, you that are blessed by my Father . . . for I was sick and you took care of me. (Matthew 25:34, 36)</p>
<p><a href="#">Pearson, Ann</a>  <b>6th Grade Teacher</b>  B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies  Specializing in Math and Reading  University of Houston</p>	<p>"I believe all children can learn. I believe if children feel safe, and learning is enjoyable, children will grow. With Christ as my guide, I hope to instill in my students a life-long love of learning."</p>
<p><a href="#">Perkins, Gayle</a>  <b>Before and After School Program</b></p>	
<p><a href="#">Preuss, Meghan</a>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher</b>  Sam Houston State University  Bachelor of Science Elementary Ed</p>	<p>"Many teachers knew, from a young age, that they would be teachers. I would have to say my career as a teacher was a calling. I am passionate about challenging, encouraging, and teaching. I am blessed to teach here at St. Anthony of Padua where I am privileged with the opportunity to guide, enlighten and build up our students; not only to be the intellectuals that they can learn to be, but the Christians that God created them to be."</p>
<p><a href="#">Raab, Joshua</a>  <b>Assistant Principal</b>  Prairie View A&amp;M and St. Edwards University  B.A. Administration  M.A. Counseling</p>	<p>"Total formation of the child in mind, body and spirit, create leaders of the future through providing the best possible opportunities and resources for learning. Being a positive and compassionate role model sets standards for students, teachers and administration."</p>
<p><a href="#">Rees, Jennifer</a>  <b>PreK-4 Teacher</b>  B.S. Sam Houston State University</p>	<p>"I believe that students learn best when they are in a comfortable environment free to explore the world around them through authentic and relevant hands-on activities."</p>
<p><a href="#">Rodriguez, Mona</a>  <b>PreK3 Assistant</b></p>	
<p><a href="#">Russell, Cathy</a>  <b>Registrar</b></p>	
<p><a href="#">Saunier, Renee'</a>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher</b>  B.S. University of Louisiana at Lafayette  College of Education, EC Education PreK3</p>	<p>"I believe that I am blessed to be able to teach at a Catholic School. As a Catholic Educator, my focus is to teach students to develop a lifelong commitment to God and learning. I will teach with Christ at the center, reinforcing the values of teamwork, cooperation and striving for excellence. I will provide a positive, stimulating, motivational environment. I will set a strong foundation for learning: building self-esteem, confidence, and independence, as well as promoting students' academic abilities."</p>
<p><a href="#">Shamas, Kendall</a>  <b>Instructional Technologist</b>  B.A. Elementary Ed - University of New Orleans</p>	<p>"I believe the tradition and beliefs of the Catholic faith are essential elements of a child's education. As a facilitator of learning, I endeavor to provide a nurturing environment with high expectations that actively engages all students in the learning process."</p>

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[Sunday, Kelly](#)  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**  
**MS Science**

"I believe in a student-centered learning environment that supports all learning types and all types of students. In order for students to fully grasp science and its complexity, they will have connections to real world situations and opportunities for higher level thinking. As long as I and my students leave negativity at the door, we will be successful and have a productive year. Respect is a key component of a great classroom. I will respect your students fully and expect to get it back in return as both sides strive to be Christ-like."

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[Tamez, Patricia](#)  
**Extended Day Staff**

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[Thompson, Teresa](#)  
**PreK4 Assistant**

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[Truman, Karen](#)  
**1st Grade Teacher**  
B.S. Lamar University

"I believe teaching is inspiring. I feel so blessed to be in a school where Christ is at the center of our daily lives to inspire - to teach."

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[Weixel, Erin](#)  
**2nd Grade Teacher**  
B.A. University of New Orleans

"I believe that with compassion, enthusiasm, and respect I can create a learning environment in which children can achieve their full potential."

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[Wilson, Vanessa](#)  
**MS Consumer Science & Health Teacher**  
**Music and Motor, PreK**  
B.S. Health Education  
Sam Houston State University

"I believe that children learn the most when they are having fun. My hope is that through hands-on experiments, music and play, I will provide the best learning experience for my students."

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[Wunch, Olga](#)  
**Learning Advisor**  
M.Ed. University of New Orleans  
B.S. Loyola University

"I believe that children are our greatest assets. The ability to educate an eager mind is a special calling. I feel that I have been called to do this. As a teacher, you must take into account the whole child, both body and soul. By taking this approach, the child grows into a whole adult."

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