



St. Anthony of Padua CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MEET THE STAFF

[Aldrich, Charlotte](#)

Before and After School Manager

[Abib, Therese](#)

2nd Grade Teacher

Kansas State University - Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

"In her beautiful writings, St. Therese of Lisieux (my awesome patron saint) reflects that all of us are *souls* - great and small - in Jesus' garden and that "perfection consists in doing His will, in being what He wills us to be".

I believe each student is a child of God, a unique and valuable individual who is a vital part of the team! Our team invites and encourages: participation from each member, higher order thinking and problem solving skills, creativity, self-worth, and an appreciation for differences in others. I have a strong passion to educate young minds and help them blossom into well-rounded, responsible, and successful individuals.

I feel blessed to be a part of the St. Anthony family and look forward to the opportunity to nurture our children as they grow in mind, heart, and spirit! "

[Alford, Allison](#)

Middle School Math and Electives

Sam Houston State University - Bachelors in Academic Studies with a specialization in mathematics

"I believe that all students are learners and learn in various ways. When teaching, by instituting various hands-on activities, songs, movements, and writing assignments, one is sure to aid in the full understanding of a concept. All students are capable to thrive in a classroom as long as it is taught utilizing all methods."

[Ballí, 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."

[Balsam, Beth](#)

Middle School Religion Teacher

Lamar University - B.A. Art Education
St. Mary University, San Antonio - M.A. Theology

I believe my role as an educator is to recognize the face of Christ in every student as I "water the seeds" of faith already planted by parents and the parish community. Religious education and faith development is a lifelong process of growth in the love of Jesus Christ. My challenge, and joy, is to help students deepen their relationship with God through knowledge (head) and faith (heart).

[Birsinger, Heather](#)

Kindergarten Assistant

BS in Human Environmental Studies/Child Development

[Callais, Dona](#)

Religion Assistant

Nicholls State University

Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education

[Carson, Colette](#)

Bookkeeper and Secretary

[Chaix, Dona](#)

4th 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."

[Clark, Jo Anna](#)

Middle School Drill Team Director

281-681-8323 studio number

North Harris County University

Tomball College

Sam Houston State University

University of Texas at Arlington

"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."

[Creager, Tammy](#)

Before and After School Program

North Harris County University

Tomball College

Sam Houston State University

University of Texas at Arlington

[Cunningham, Mary](#)

Receptionist

[Caroline Danysh](#)

1st Grade Teacher

Texas State University - Bachelor of Science in

Interdisciplinary Studies

Each child is an important, unique individual. It is my calling and my privilege to meet each child where he or she is and to help him or her grow spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally.

[Domingo Gomez, Emily](#)

Administrative Assistant

[Dueitt, Linda](#)

Kindergarten Assistant

[Duplantier, Caitlin](#)

Electives

University of North Texas

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."

<p>Duplantier, Stacey 7th Grade Home Room Teacher Middle School Language Arts B.A. University of New Orleans Rice University Advanced Placement Summer Institute</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Eichler, Dennis Middle School Band Director Bachelor of Music Education- Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Masters - University of Houston</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Fahey, Laura Kindergarten Teacher B.S. Louisiana State University - Early Childhood</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Failde, Arlene MS Service and Speech B.A. University of Southern California</p>	<p>"I believe in creating an environment where children can grow and be lifelong learners."</p>
<p>Fishman, Tammy Librarian Texas A&M University - BS - Ele Edu Texas A&M University - Masters</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Foy, Laura PreK-3 Teacher B.S. Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City</p>	<p>"I strive to instill the love of learning in young children and to teach them to live as Jesus' disciple."</p>
<p>Greene, Danielle Theatre</p>	
<p>Hollander, Janine Art Teacher B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design</p>	<p>"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!"</p>
<p>Hunter, Donna B. 4A Teacher BS in Education Curriculum & Instruction Texas A&M University</p>	<p>"Working together students, parents and educators can grow to their full potential."</p>
<p>Ivers, Ashley 5th Grade Teacher Sam Houston State University B.S. Academic Studies with Specialization in Math</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Johnson, Angela Music Teacher PreK - 8th B.F.A. Rhode Island School of Design</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Johnson, Lisa Receptionist</p>	
<p>Kinch, Becki Advancement Coordinator</p>	

<p>Koett, Heather P.E. Elementary and MS Teacher 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>Leddy, Susan Assistant Principal 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>Lowen, Sarah Kindergarten Teacher 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>Loyo, Monique 3rd Grade Teacher 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>McBroom, René 8th Grade Teacher BBA - Eastern Michigan University Montgomery College Alternative Certification</p>	<p>"Attitude is everything, so choose a good one."</p>
<p>Mattern, Cristofer 5th Grade Teacher 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>Meredith, Chris Athletic Director Physical Education Teacher, 2nd - 8th Grades 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>Miller, Karen Religion Coordinator 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>Nitsche, Brittany 6th Grade Teacher 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>Nunez, Reneé Principal Director of Parish Education 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>O'Connor, Janay School Counselor University of Texas , Dallas - B.A. Political Science Rutgers University, New Jersey - Masters of Education (M.Ed) in Counseling Psychology</p>	<p>As a school counselor I have the ability to make a difference and the belief that all students have the ability to achieve.</p>
<p>Pavlock, Leslie Nurse 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>Pearson, Ann 6th Grade Teacher 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>Perkins, Gayle Before and After School Program</p>	
<p>Preuss, Meghan 3rd Grade Teacher 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>Raab, Joshua Assistant Principal Prairie View A&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>Rees, Jennifer PreK-4 Teacher 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>Rodriguez, Mona PreK3 Assistant</p>	
<p>Russell, Cathy Registrar</p>	

<p>Saunier, Reneé 1st Grade Teacher 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>Shamas, Kendall Instructional Technologist 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>
<p>Sunday, Kelly 7th Grade Teacher MS Science</p>	<p>"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 my students and I 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."</p>
<p>Tamez, Patricia Extended Day Staff</p>	
<p>Thompson, Teresa PreK4 Assistant</p>	
<p>Weixel, Erin 2nd Grade Teacher B.A. University of New Orleans</p>	<p>"I believe that with compassion, enthusiasm, and respect I can create a learning environment in which children can achieve their full potential."</p>
<p>Wilson, Vanessa MS Consumer Science & Health Teacher Music and Motor, PreK B.S. Health Education Sam Houston State University</p>	<p>"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."</p>
<p>Wunch, Olga Learning Advisor M.Ed. University of New Orleans B.S. Loyola University</p>	<p>"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."</p>