



# Mrs. Sara Reeder

## Music

19 years with St. Peter School

19 years teaching experience

19 years, PMO Band Director

17 years, Children's Handbell Choir Director



Like my daughter says, "you don't work, Mommy, you go to school!" I

want students to appreciate music. They don't have to love it, as long as they try. And I love when we can have fun and learn at the same time. It doesn't have to be work, it can be enjoyable!

I never thought that I would be at St. Peter School for as long as I have, but I love it here! My dream was to become a high school band director. What I like most about teaching at St. Peter's is the students are wonderful and the faculty is so great to work with. Everyone is very caring.

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant to help in the purchase of many different instruments in our classroom.

We have a variety of xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels drums and other percussion instruments. Students begin to play the recorders when they are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They continue with recorders through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students have the opportunity to join the PMO band. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have a group lesson here at St. Peter once a week. They also meet at QND once a week to practice with the band members from the other parochial schools (as well as St. James School and Quincy Christian). We also have a SMART Board

and iPads that we use to accentuate our music learning.

A unique opportunity for my students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (sometimes 5<sup>th</sup>) is the option to join the St. Peter Children's Handbell Choir. We are the only Children's Handbell Choir in Quincy. We perform at different church services, assemblies and concerts throughout the year.

### My teaching style:

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## Get to know me...

I went to St. Dominic grade school and QND, then received a B.S. in Music Education from Quincy University. I was in the PMO band 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the QND band 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the QU Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble 10<sup>th</sup> grade through college and have played in the Quincy Park Band over 20 years and counting. I started the St. Peter's Handbell

Choir and I love to give private instrumental lessons as well. I have been married to my wonderful husband, Bryan, for 10 years. I have a beautiful daughter Samantha., and my adorable son Jacob. We have a cat, Kilix.

My husband and I are avid baseball fans. He likes the Cubs and I like the Cardinals. We like to spend our summers traveling to

different ballparks throughout the US. So far, we have seen 15 different ballparks.

I hate to cook so I enjoy any kind of food that I don't have to make. I have a weakness for Pepsi. But spending time with my family is what I enjoy the most.