



# Mrs. Dawn VanCamp

## *Seventh Grade*

**2nd year with St. Peter School**

**32 years teaching experience**



I am excited that I was able to rejoin the St. Peter teaching staff for the 23/24 school year! I know as a teacher and as a parent that the loving, family atmosphere of St. Peter School enables students and their families to form close relationships with the teachers. In the classroom, my goal has always been to make connections with students. Understanding their personal interests and educational strengths helps pave the way in creating meaningful lessons for them.

Working with all types of learners throughout the years has enabled me to recognize and focus on individual student's success in the classroom.

Not all kids claim to be readers or scientists, but finding a way to entice them to engage in learning is essential. Through text and hands-on lessons, my goal is to allow students to experience the wonders of science in a way that will bring them to a better understanding of the world in which we live.

### *My teaching style:*

**Meeting the students where they are educationally, and encouraging, prodding, and enticing them to higher levels of learning**

## *Get to know me...*

My first career was actually in nursing. I then earned my Bachelors in Education from Western Illinois University, a Masters degree in Elementary Education and a Masters degree in Education Administration from Southwest Baptist University. I began my teaching career at St Peter's School, teaching JH language arts. Between then and now, I taught and coached in the Liberty School district and was a

Principal at Payson JH/HS for several years. It is an honor to return to St. Peter's School.

My husband Jeff and I have 3 married adult children who all graduated from St. Peter School and from QND. We have been blessed with 13 grandchildren, and spend a great deal of our time attending sporting, musical, and academic events for these grands. Spending time reading

while lounging on our deck at the end of a busy day is something I truly enjoy. Jeff and I have been traveling more, and had the opportunity to see Europe this past summer, touring Greece, Turkey, and Italy. Visiting the Vatican City was an experience I will forever treasure.