



# Mr. Tom VanderBor

## *Eighth Grade*

**Tenth year with St. Peter School**

**23 years teaching experience**



No matter what subject you're in, you will always use English, whether it is in reading, writing, or speaking. Sometimes kids just hate the subject because they don't see a point in it; however, when they can see the application of the language in both speaking and writing, I find they have a greater appreciation for it. I want everyone to learn just one thing each day-maybe it's a new word for vocabulary, a better way to write something, or a piece of grammar often misused.

Perhaps they can understand a little better how to write like a 7th or 8th grader, or they can appreciate the finer points of poetry or a short story. What is fun for me is seeing this new learning in their writing and speaking. It really means they took their learning to heart and are trying to apply it. Learning can be fun!

## *Get to know me...*

I graduated from Western Michigan University in 1986 with a Bachelors in Business Administration, and returned to Western in 1987 to earn my teaching certification. I came to Quincy in 1991 to teach at Quincy Notre Dame and since then have taught there, St. Peter (2000-2005; 2019-present) and All Saints/Blessed Sacrament

(2005-2008) as well as principal of St. Dominic for 2 years. I worked for the City of Quincy for 10 years until deciding to return to St. Peter in 2019. I love anything Chicago Cubs or University of Michigan- GO BLUE!! You will see me out walking or working in the yard. In addition, you may hear me announce QND

## *My teaching style:*

**I have high expectations of all students, and I believe challenging kids is something we often overlook. I like to laugh and use humor while still maintaining a proper learning environment..**

football, basketball and baseball. I think cats are awesome. Finally, I have been a coach for the QND boys basketball feeder programs of ACES and Crusaders for 29 years, and I also coached baseball for over 20 years, stopping in 2019.