

# MR. ANDY SMITH

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## A little bit about me...

I have been blessed to get to teach Music at St. Joseph Parish School since 2014. I've also been teaching PE since 2020. In addition, I also teach Music at St Peter Catholic School in Slinger, WI, where I also am Director of Music and Liturgy. My wife, Laura, and my four children, Eli, Josie, Theo, and Hazel, enjoy spending time camping, playing board games, and just hanging out when our calendar isn't crazy busy!

## What SJPS school accomplishment fills you with pride?

I am immensely proud of our students at SJPS, and I especially enjoy getting to show off our hard work each year by performing for our families. Getting to watch our students grow in their love of music, seeing how they work hard each year to create something special is one of many reasons I love being a teacher in our school. I also am proud each year to see our students who put so much time and effort into producing our Spring Musical each year. I am constantly blown away by their performance, and getting to work with our students is a great opportunity to develop lasting relationships, especially with our Middle School students.

## If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?

I'd LOVE to be able to take the WHOLE SCHOOL on a week long camping trip to the Rocky Mountains! Whether it's in the US or in Canada, they just blow my mind every time we visit them. Sitting at the piano during Mass certainly makes me feel closer to God, BUT literally standing on a mountain does it, too! Talk about a Mountain Top Experience! (I don't even want to begin to imagine the logistics for such an endeavor, but it would be worth it!)

## What is your favorite part about St. Joseph Parish School?

My favorite part of St Joseph Parish School is certainly the students and the school and parish staff. Getting to work with students from all eleven grade levels is such a unique opportunity to be a force for good within our school and community. Forming relationships with our close knit teaching community, as well and with our entire staff at St. Joseph Parish is truly a great blessing!

