

MRS. JULIE LEMKE

2nd Grade Instructor



A little bit about me...

I have been teaching at SJPS since 2005 when I was hired to be the K5 teacher. I spent the next seven years teaching K5 and in 2012 switched to being the 2nd grade teacher. I have now been teaching 2nd grade at SJPS for the last 11 years and truly love my "job"! I currently live in Grafton with my husband, Adam, our two daughters; Lily, a SJPS 2022 graduate and a freshman at Grafton High School, and Evelyn, who is currently in 6th grade at SJPS, and our energetic, two year old, petite goldendoodle, named Huxley.

What is your favorite sport to play?

My favorite sport to play, watch, and coach is volleyball! I was a volleyball player for many years and still enjoy playing when I am able to, but more often spend my time watching my daughters play or coaching one of their teams. I have been a volleyball coach at St. Joe's for the last 4 years and look forward to continuing to coach in the years to come.

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

If I could choose anywhere in the world to take my students on a field trip, I would take them to the Jordan River to see the sight where Jesus was baptized. In second grade, we spend a lot of time preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, and while preparing for those sacraments we discuss their own baptism and Jesus' baptism. We also read, discuss and reflect upon the scripture story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus and the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus like a dove. I think it would be an incredibly powerful and spiritual field trip to take them to the location where this happened and to feel that connection to Jesus.



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

Do I have to choose just one!? From the Monster Mash, to our 2nd Grade International Fair, First Reconciliation, and First Communion, and Taize prayer, there are just so many things that I love about being a part of St. Joseph Parish School. I especially love being involved in our school's musical productions. For the last three years I have been a part of the costume team for Lion King Jr., Mary Poppins Jr., and Frozen Jr. and I am looking forward to creating costumes again this year with our awesome team for Annie Jr.! In addition to helping with the costumes, I also do the hair and makeup of many of our actors for our performances. What I love most about helping out with our musicals is that it gives me an opportunity to work with our students in 4th-8th grade who are my former second grade students. It is a way to stay connected with them and for me to watch them grow. It is hands-down one of my favorite parts of St. Joseph Parish School.