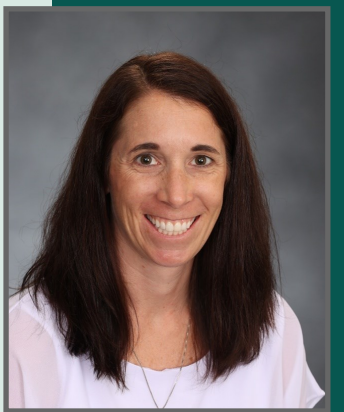


MRS. AMANDA MATTHEWS

Principal



A little bit about me...

Before becoming Principal in 2018, I was a teacher at St. Joseph Parish School. I started my career at SJPS, fresh out of college, in 2004 as the 3rd-Grade Teacher. In 2010 I made the move to teach 4th grade, which at the time was my dream age to teach. Now that I am the principal I have the privilege of teaching all grades and visiting classrooms daily.

My husband, Greg and I reside in Grafton with our three beautiful children and sweet dog, Maui. In 2017 and 2018 I had the honor of teaching my oldest children, Grant and Aidan, who graduated from SJPS in 2021 and 2022. My youngest child, Isabelle, is currently in 4th grade at St. Joseph Parish School.

What is your dream vacation?

My favorite place in the world is Hawaii. My dream vacation would be to take a month-long trip and visit all of the islands of Hawaii. I love the beach and enjoy the beautiful weather. I would also go on many adventures such as hiking, ziplining, and surfing as well as trying all of the delicious seafood.

What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?

If I won the lottery I would start by going on vacation with my family and friends. I would treat them all to a wonderful vacation somewhere I have never been such as Europe or Australia. After this, I would donate my money to various charities. It has also been my dream that if I won the lottery I would upgrade the school with a new gym, expanded playground, new classrooms, large STEM Lab and a greenhouse.



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

There are so many things I love about St. Joseph Parish School. It is hard to pick just one, so today I would like to highlight the faculty. The faculty at SJPS are incredibly hard-working and dedicated! Everyone works together to provide all students an exceptional education rooted in Catholic values. They truly get to know each of the students and always put student needs before their own. They show genuine care for those trusted in their hands and are excellent role models for the students and families. I could not ask for a better group of people to lead everyday!