

Stanley Mozina - Principal

It was in 6th grade at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) that I decided to become a teacher. After graduating from Our Lady of Lourdes and Union High School in Burgettstown, PA I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education in 1974. I began my teaching career at Our Lady of Lourdes. I taught 3rd grade and upper elementary math (Pre-Algebra and Algebra) during the next seven years at OLOL. While teaching, I returned to school to obtain a Master's equivalency at California and Penn State Universities. In 1981, I was named principal of St. Hilary School in Washington, PA. During my tenure at St. Hilary, I received a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Carlow College. I graduated with highest honors in 1988. In 1987, I returned to OLOL as principal when my former mentor principal decided to retire. I remained at OLOL for ten years and then transferred to St. Titus from 1996-1998. In 1998, I was hired by St. Patrick Parish in Canonsburg, where I married Stephanie Kaminski (Mozina) on September 24, 2005. I have been employed by St. Patrick School for the past twelve years.

Sally Burke - Secretary

My husband Rick and I (married 26 years) are from Findlay, OH and have lived in Canonsburg for ten years. We have two children: Geoff, 22, graduated from B.G.S.U. and works for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Genny, 19, is a sophomore at Franciscan University. They both attended St. Patrick School and I loved being here way back then. I just started my second school year here and I am very grateful to Mr. Mozina for hiring me. This is the perfect job for me because I miss my own children being young and now I'm blessed to come to work where I can be surrounded by sweet, smiling little ones every single day! I am not only the Secretary, but, I also have the privilege of being a nurse too. Band-aids and ice packs are my saving grace. They bring smiles and cures to everyone!!!

Stephanie Mozina – 3rd Grade

My name is Mrs. Stephanie Mozina. I grew up in Marianna, PA. Now I live in Burgettstown, PA with my husband and our Golden Retriever named Bruester. I graduated from California University with a Bachelor of Education degree. A few years later I completed the requirements for the Masters degree as a Reading Specialist. I chose a career in teaching because I enjoy children. It is rewarding to see the enthusiasm of learning that the children show in their faces and actions. It is a wonderful feeling to know what I do will affect the way the children deal with learning today and in the future.

Jackie Dennis – 1st Grade

My name is Mrs. Dennis. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. I am currently the 1st Grade Teacher at St. Pat's. My love for children is one reason I became a teacher. It is such a joy watching the children learn and grow.

Bonnie Midler - Kindergarten

My name is Mrs. Bonnie Midler and I grew up in Burgettstown, PA, the sixth of seven children. After attending Edinboro University, with a major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education, I began my teaching career which has lasted for 33 years. After teaching 25 years at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Burgettstown, I am happy to be at St. Pat's. This is my 4th year here teaching ½ day Kindergarten and Computer. I live in Avella, PA on a beef cattle farm with my husband Larry and daughter Ashley. We are the proud parents of two children: Adam (25) and Ashley (22). Spending time with my family and friends, going to the beach and listening to country music is how I spend my leisure time. Teaching has been a passion of mine and I can truly say that I love my job.

Helen DiFalco - PreK

My name is Mrs. DiFalco. I was born and raised in Clymer, PA where I attended a Catholic School from the sixth through twelfth grades. I currently reside in Canonsburg, PA. I graduated from Carlow College with a Bachelor of Science degree in K-6. I earned my Masters degree in Early Childhood Education from Indiana, PA. I have thirty one years experience in teaching pre-school. I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of the children. My favorite thing about teaching is to see the progress of children as they learn and mature.

Deanne Jones - Preschool

I attended California University of Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. I also have a Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. I became a teacher to help children grow both academically and socially. It is rewarding to see the children progress throughout the school year.

Christine O'Brien – Teachers Aide

I live in Peters Township and I am married with two boys. I graduated from Slippery Rock University and have been a Teachers Aide for the past several years since returning to work. I became a Teachers Aide because I love working with the children. Every day is so different because each day the students have something new and exciting to share with you. I enjoy watching them interact with each other and some of their comments make me laugh. Other than being a mom, teaching has been one of the most rewarding jobs for me. I love the children; therefore I love what I do.

Mark Burroughs – Band / Music Instruction

Mark Burroughs began work on an Artist Diploma from at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University in August of 2008. There he serves as the tuba graduate assistant to Craig Knox, as well as assisting Dr. Paul Doerksen with the brass methods course. While working on this performance certificate, Mark also teaches private music lessons, works with the Kiski Area High School marching band and teaches elementary band in several Catholic Schools around Pittsburgh. He has earned both a Bachelors of Music Education and a Masters in Music from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana. He has studied privately with Dan Perantoni, Tony Kniffen, Richard White, Brian Kiser and Gil Long.

Mark has performed with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, Terra Haute Symphony Orchestra, and Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra in Indiana. While completing his Masters Degree, Mark performed two tours with the Mr. Jack Daniels Original Silver Cornet Band, as well completing multiple recording sessions for Hal Leonard Publishing at the Airborne Studios of Indianapolis, Indiana. He has been a finalist in several auditions, including the Chicago Civic Orchestra and The United States Military Academy Band at West Point. He toured with the original U.S. and Broadway cast of BLAST! in 2000-2001. Mark currently lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Nicole, their two cats Girds and Pie and his Siberian Husky, Juno.

Colleen Yakupkovic - Cafeteria

I graduated from Northgate Jr./Sr. High School in Bellevue, PA. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Civil Engineering. I married Rich Yakupkovic. We have 2 children, David (4th grade) and Nathan (2nd grade). We live in Canonsburg. I became a cafeteria employee because I wanted a part time job, but I still wanted to be close to my children. I have got the best of both worlds.