

St Thomas Comets- *Meet our Inspiring Leaders*

Pre-4 Teacher- Mrs. Jamie Hallam

Educational Background: I have my four year degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University. I have worked with children my entire adult life. I started in the childcare setting, taught in the public school system for many years, and am thrilled to be starting my sixth year in Pre-kindergarten here at STS.

Why I teach in a Catholic School: There are so many reasons why I am honored to say that I teach at St. Thomas School. I am a proud graduate of STS, and so are my two children. When I walk into our school, it feels like home. Working in a Catholic school encourages me to be a better Christian. It is a constant reminder that we are connected in faith. I especially love beginning and ending each day in prayer. Celebrating Advent and Christmas is another wonderful time in our classroom. It is a blessing to help students to learn and grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Who inspires you: My boys, Ryan and Nate. They inspire me to be a better person, and to love unconditionally.

My favorite teacher was: I have great memories of so many different teachers. My third grade teacher, Sister Elizabeth, came to mind first though. I will always remember her teaching us about prayer, and that with prayer, there is hope in every situation. She also taught me to not only pray for what I may want or need, but what I am already blessed to have.



Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family is where you will find me, if not at school. I also enjoy gardening, and I would love to learn more about photography. Currently, I am trying to learn how to golf. What a challenge this has been! Luckily, my son/coach is very patient and encouraging ;)

Dream meal: Any meal that I do not have to cook is a dream.

Outside of school: I spend most of my time with my family. My husband and I would love to travel more now that our boys are older. As a family, we enjoy trips, eating out, playing cards, and watching sports. We are big *Chicago Cubs* and *Bears* fans. I also love to shop, and my Mom is my favorite shopping buddy.