

St Thomas Comets- *Meet our Inspiring Leaders*

Librarian- Mrs. Molly Merriman

Educational Background: Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from OSF St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing

Why I teach in a Catholic School: I attended Catholic Schools all of my life, K-8th at St Vincent de Paul and Peoria Notre Dame. My family has a rich history in Catholic schools. My grandparents, parents, and all of my siblings attended Catholic Schools! I love the tradition of Catholic Schools. The community in a Catholic School is unmatched! I love the fellowship, the kindness, and the inspiration that I feel every time I walk into a Catholic School. Attending a K-8 school and now being a part of a preschool - 8 school warms my heart in numerous ways. I love watching how the older kids look out for and care for the younger kids and I love how the younger kids really look up to the older kids! It is amazing to watch the students grow from being the younger kids to being the older kids and how they turn how they were treated into how they treat the younger kids.

Who inspires you: My two boys. They inspire me to be my best self and to lead by example. They are the strongest two people that I know and I aspire to be as strong as they are.

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family, reading, puzzles, volunteering, and coaching STS sports!



My favorite teacher was: It is a tie. Mrs. Dawson. She was my 2nd grade teacher at St Vincent de Paul and she was the warmest teacher. I looked forward to seeing her everyday and was truly sad to have to leave her to go to 3rd grade.

Mr. Jim Troy was my principal at SVDP. He truly cared about all of his students and really looked out for me. I always felt like he was someone I could go to with a problem, he was very respected by all of the students but was never intimidating.

Dream meal: Really good fried chicken, scallops, pasta, and peaches!!!! No veggies, please!

Outside of school I: Like to travel to different places with my husband, Jordan and my boys, Vince and Abe. I love spending time with my nieces, nephews, and my 4 Godchildren! I love a beach, lake, or pool! I love getting together with friends and enjoy going to the movies all by myself!