

St Thomas Comets- *Meet our Inspiring Leaders*

Pre3 Teacher- Mrs. Sarah Tamburro

Educational Background: I have my 4 year degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Family Relations from Eastern Illinois University. (Go Panthers!) I went on to later receive my Masters Degree in Profession and Practice from Lesley University in Cambridge, MA.

Why I teach in a catholic school: I am a **PROUD** graduate of both St. Thomas School and Peoria Notre Dame High School . My family has been active in the St. Thomas Parish and School community for over 35 years. To say St. Thomas feels like home is an understatement- It is our home away from home. This STS Community is unlike any other... The **AMAZING** families and friends, eager students, social events and activities, a safe and supportive learning environment, collaborating teachers, colleagues and administrators and an active spiritual life are just some of the things that make St. Thomas the truly magnificent gift it is! I am **blessed** to have the opportunity to teach our youngest Comet kiddos all while my own children are able to attend and carry on my family's Catholic school tradition. STS is the **BEST**!

Who inspires you: My Parents and Grandparents who taught us all the importance of working hard and never giving up... never accepting No for an answer. We watched and learned by example as they ran very successful family-owned businesses all while giving to others who were less fortunate. My Grandfather always told us, "If you give more, the Lord will bless you with more! You have been blessed to help others." Faith, hope and charity!



My favorite teacher was: Mr. Tim Irwin's Theology Class at Peoria Notre Dame... Talk about making kids think!

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family, nights out with friends, traveling on breaks and summer vacations, **ORGANIZING** ;), **chauffeuring** around my girls to dance, soccer, tumbling and horseback and volunteering at STS.

Dream meal: Honestly, any night off of cooking and going out to dinner! ;) I do love a perfectly cooked medium rare steak with a caprese salad on the side. Don't forget the glass of red wine!

Outside of school: I spend my days with my husband Ryan, an Austin, Texas native, who I met while living in Sin City! :) We have enjoyed living in both Las Vegas and California, but are **VERY** happy to be back in Peoria with family and friends close by. God graciously blessed us with our girls, Lily (7) and Chloe (4). I love seeing and experiencing the world through their eyes! Life's **GREATEST** joy! :)