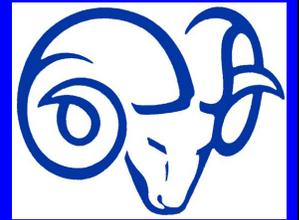




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## **Bringing Art To Saint Xavier**



The new high school art teacher, Ms. Brown, graduated from Kansas University with a Bachelor's degree in Photo Media and Design and a minor in Geography and Business. Her hometown is Clyde, Kansas.

She is the middle child and has two brothers. Ms. Brown likes to paint, rollerblade, solve cryptograms, read, and recently watch the Olympics in her free time.

Ms. Brown was a coxswain on the NCAA Women's Rowing Team at KU for four years. She is double jointed and likes to put her arms and legs backwards.

Ms. Brown's advice to St. Xavier students is to listen to your teachers, read books, travel the world, and always clean behind your ears. Ms. Brown is looking forward to seeing the students of St. Xavier express their creativity and grow closer to the Lord. –Dante J.

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## Ms. Shaheen Is Ready To Set This Year In Motion



The new St. Xavier second grade teacher and middle school volleyball coach, Ms. Shaheen, at Saint Xavier attended Bethany College and received a Bachelor's Degree in K-6 Elementary Education, an endorsement in English Language Learners, and a minor in Psychology. She grew up in the Manhattan area and went to school at Blue Valley in Randolph. Ms. Shaheen has two sisters and one

brother.

She enjoys being active outside, playing sports, running, and other random adventures. Ms. Shaheen also really enjoys traveling.

Some interesting facts about Ms. Shaheen include her love for small towns and small schools. She played volleyball and threw javelin for the track team in college and loved her college experience at Bethany College. She has been Catholic all her life. She also enjoys playing cards and board games.

Some advice she'd like to give to St. Xavier students is "God gave you another day, not only because you need it, but because someone else needs you out there." "If we can remember that we don't just live for ourselves, but to help others and show the love God has for us, our lives will be filled with such beautiful joy." Ms. Shaheen is excited to be at St. Xavier and is most looking forward to getting to know everyone who is a part of the St. Xavier family as well as watching the students grow academically. –Austin H.



## New Religion Teacher Running To A New School Year

Ms. Donart is Saint Xavier's new 7th-9th grade Religion/MTSS Teacher. She is from Kansas City and her family loves the Royals. Ms. Donart attended

Kansas State University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.

In her spare time Ms. Donart likes to run, play outside, and read. She is currently training for a marathon.

An interesting fact about Ms. Donart is that she can bark like a dog. Advice she would give to students at Saint Xavier is to join the cross country team.

Ms. Donart is looking forward to getting to know all of the students and traditions at St. Xavier. –Jacob B.

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## **Mrs. Jermark Runs To St. Xavier Family**



The new Pre-K Teacher, Mrs. Jermark, graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She was born in Garden City, Kansas, and spent most of her life there. She moved to Eureka, Kansas, and went to high school there. Her parents still live in Eureka.

She has two sisters and one brother. Mrs. Jermark is married to her husband, Brock, and has three children: Drew, Lane and Elise; she

currently lives in Abilene.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, running, riding a bike, and watching her children's activities. Some interesting facts about her are: she is training for her 5th half marathon; she loves the K-State Wildcats and has season football tickets--Go Cats; she loves vanilla Dr. Pepper; and one day she wants to hike the Pacific Crest Trail.

Some advice she would give to St. Xavier students is ask questions every day about everything, follow the Golden Rule, and pray always.

Mrs. Jermark is excited about building relationships with the children in her classroom and their families. She looks forward to the opportunity to watch each child explore, question, and learn about the world around them. –Kailee Cruz

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## **New Math Teacher Is A Good Addition To St. Xavier**



Ms. Tesch teaches math for 7th-12th grades. She went to college at Wichita State University and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in math secondary education.

She is from Hutchinson, Kansas; she has two brothers, a sister, and two nieces who are both under a year old.

In her spare time she likes to crochet, walk, or sit down and read a good book. An interesting fact about her is that she enjoys traveling by herself.

Ms. Tesch's advice to all of her students is to stay caught up in school and with homework. The part she looks forward to most this year is Christmas Break.  
– Jalyn D.

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## **A New Physical Education Teacher In The St. Xavier Gym**



Mr. Vinent is the Saint Xavier P.E. teacher. Mr. Vinent graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. He is an only child from Miami, Florida, but his extended family is pretty big.

Mr. Vinent helps run a basketball skills clinic for kids around Kansas from 6th grade to 12th grade. He likes to stay up to date with the newest TV series that are on TV.

Mr. Vinent has worked for the Kansas State men's basketball team for 4 years. Also, one of his cousins has played in the NBA for 14 years. He was his high school class's valedictorian.

His advice to students at Saint Xavier is work hard and take advantage of every opportunity you have to help set yourself up to have a great future.

For this school year Mr. Vinent is looking forward to getting to know a new group of students and staff members, coaching the girls' high school basketball team again, as well as assistant coach of the boys' high school team.

–Conner Wisdom

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## **New First Grade Teacher Makes Fun While Learning!**



Mrs. Copeland attended Fort Hays State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and also a minor in Special Education.

Mrs. Copeland has been married for 15 years; her

husband is an EOD Tech on Ft. Riley. She has 2 children: one is 15 and attends Manhattan High School; and another who is 12 and attends Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Manhattan. Mrs. Copeland is from a small town, Elkhart, Kansas, where her parents are still living. She loves reading, boating, and fishing with her family.

Mrs. Copeland has lived in 8 different places -- including Italy and Germany. She loves dogs; she said if she could, she would adopt them all.

Her favorite poem is "Footprints In the Sand." Mrs. Copeland's advice to the students here at St. Xavier is "No matter what is going on around you, maintain your faith in God. Don't let the negativity in the world bring you down; instead help change it with positivity and love." Mrs. Copeland is ready to get her first graders excited to learn and to try new things. –Fernando R.

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## A Good Spike for Kindergarten Teacher/Volleyball Coach



Ms. Savage is Saint Xavier's new kindergarten teacher and high school volleyball coach. Ms. Savage went to St. Francis of Assisi Grade School and Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Wichita. She then attended Wichita State University and graduated in December 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

Ms. Savage is the third of four girls. She grew up in Wichita and moved to Manhattan after she graduated from college to be closer to her fiancé, Alex, who is finishing his degree at K-State. Ms. Savage enjoys playing piano and guitar, and she is excited to be the new high school volleyball coach, as it is her favorite sport.

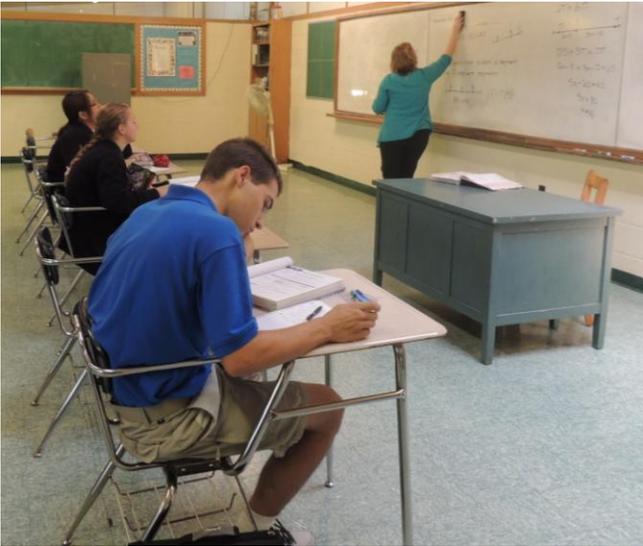
Also, Ms. Savage loves to watch the TV show "Full House." She has all eight seasons on DVD and quotes it with her sister, Clara, on a regular basis.

Ms. Savage is looking forward to getting to know the staff and students where she is teaching, coaching, and sharing her faith with her students. Ms. Savage's advice for students is "Be who God created you to be. Everybody is given special gifts and talents; recognize those gifts and share them with those you meet."

—Kasea Q.

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# St. Xavier Catholic Schools' Photo Gallery



Ms. Tesch teaching the Sophomores in Geometry Class.



The Kindergarten Class learning new concepts with Ms. Savage.



Mrs. Berry working in the office.



Cheerleaders practicing for games.



The sophomore class enjoying one of Mr. Jones' jokes.



Preschoolers working on their artwork.



Jalyn warming up for cross country practice.



Beautiful smiles and helping hands from first grade students.



Math is always an enjoyable class.



A good stretch before a cross country practice run.



Conner W. taking pictures for the yearbook.



Students learning in the science lab.



The Yearbook team selling ads to local establishments.



Learning new music in band.



Preschool students playing with clay. Ms. Robison and her Spanish Class students.

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