



Austin Willis, Mathematics

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: Third year at St. Pius X

Department: Mathematics

Coaching or club sponsorship Roles: Golf, Chess

Degree(s)/Degree-granting Institution: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Missouri Baptist University

Major/Academic Area: Mathematics

What is your favorite thing about working at Pius X?

As a whole, I believe the student body wants to be here, they want to learn, and they want to do well. That makes my job a lot easier, and way more fun.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I really wanted to play golf for a living. Once I realized that shooting high 80's/low 90's in my senior year of high school wasn't going to be good enough, I decided to pursue my backup plan, teaching.

What's the best piece of advice you've been given?

Be yourself. The students know when you're trying to be someone you're not, or do something you don't know how to.

What interests do you pursue outside of the classroom?

I'm still trying to improve as a golfer. It's going super well...

To what teams and/or clubs did you belong as a student?

I was a member of the golf team obviously. High school band took up a ton of my time. I was in marching band, concert band, jazz band, and pep band. I also showed up to our chess club for a tournament my freshman year. I won it. Never went back.