



# Faculty Focus

MR. DAVID PEIRCE

St. Pius X alumni? No

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: 26 Years, First year at St. Pius X

Department: Wellness

Coaching or club sponsorship roles: Football

Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: BS in Kinesiology, MA in Education, MS in Sport Management all from Missouri Baptist University

When did you decide to become a teacher, and why did you choose this field? I decided to become a teacher when I was in high school. I worked baseball summer camps and coached little kids. I got to teach them the game of baseball and all the fundamentals. I chose this field because I had a teacher/coach who invested in me and made me feel a worth I had never experienced before. I want to challenge students to want more and not accept mediocrity.

What personal strengths do you find especially helpful in your teaching? I am a people person and I pride myself on being positive and physically fit. I believe in the content that I teach, but truly believe teaching is about relationships. When kids see that you care and are willing to adapt a specific movement to them, it increases their buy in.

What do you like most about teaching as a career? The kids! I really look forward to interacting with students on a daily basis.

What is the greatest success you have had teaching? There are so many! I really enjoy hearing from past students and catching up with them

What is your favorite thing about working at St. Pius X? It is vibing with great energy!!

What's the best piece of advice you've been given? Life is like a game of basketball, if you don't have a goal, what are you shooting for?

Outside of work, what are you passionate about? My wife Erin, my daughter Breanna, my dogs (Buddy, Presley, and Duchess) and cats (Fritzee, Lucy, and Nemo), exercise and golf

What did you want to be when you were growing up? A professional baseball player