



**Eric Lawrence, Practical Arts**

**St. Pius X alum? No**

**Years teaching at St. Pius X: Three years teaching at St. Pius X**

**Department: Practical Arts**

**Coaching or club sponsorship roles: Basketball, Baseball, FBLA, and Football**

**Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: BS in Business Admin. with emphasis in Accounting & Finance (Missouri Baptist), MA in Education (April 2018) (Missouri Baptist)**

**Academic area: Accounting, Coding, Digital Citizenship, Digital Media, and Marketing**

**What is your favorite thing about working at Pius X?**

My favorite thing about working at St. Pius X is the community. The students at St. Pius X are the greatest resource that we have and are what truly makes St. Pius X a great place to work. My co-workers and administration have always supported in my endeavors to become the best teacher, coach, and most importantly, man that I can become.

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

To be the best that you can be. This is something that my parents taught me growing up and something I like to think that I have tried to accomplish in whatever job, role, or task I was performing throughout my lifetime.

**What are you currently reading for enjoyment?**

I am an avid reader and am currently reading a few different books. Have a Little Faith - Mitch Albom , Discipline Equals Freedom: Field Manual - Jocko Willink , and The Things They Carried - Tim O'Brien

**What do you like most about teaching as a career?**

The best part about teaching is the relationships that you are able to build with the students. As teachers, the knowledge that we are able to pass on is important, but I feel that the relationships that are developed are the most important aspect of teaching. Those relationships are so important because those relationships could help a student in ways that you will never know.

**How do you motivate your students to become active learners in your classroom?**

I try to incorporate the students in the decision-making process of my classroom, so that they can feel ownership within the classroom. Also, I believe relationship building is key to developing a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Lastly, I try to be a positive role model for my students. If I am not trying to become the best I can be and continuously striving to acquire knowledge, skills, etc., then I will never get my students to buy-in to the idea of being the best they can be and becoming lifelong learners.