

Faculty **FOCUS**

Sharon Tucker
Library & Media Specialist



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Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution: B.S. in Education from Missouri State University, Master of Arts degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies with an emphasis in Library Science from University of Missouri--Columbia

Academic area: Library/Media Specialist; Digital Literacy (Freshman Wellness) teacher

Years teaching/Years teaching at St. Pius X: This is my fourth year.

Coaching or club sponsorship roles: Yearbook adviser; Book Club sponsor

What is your favorite thing about working at Pius X?

At St. Pius and at every school I've ever worked, my favorite thing is always the kids. The students are the reason I'm in education, and the students at St. Pius are among the best!

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

When I was very young, I waffled between wanting to be a hairdresser and an archaeologist. By the time I was in high school, I knew I wanted to be an English teacher...and I was...for 5 years. Then I realized I couldn't be the kind of English teacher and the kind of mom I wanted to be at the same time. I also realized that I still really wanted to work with kids. That's when I decided to pursue a degree in library science. I would still be able to teach important skills that were important to me as an English teacher—reading and research—and I could be around students, but I would not have to spend so much time grading essays.

What do you like most about teaching as a career?

I love that every day is different. No two classes are the same. Students change and grow from year to year, and I get to watch and help that happen. Teaching is a very dynamic field that is fundamentally optimistic and connected with an astounding amount of potential.

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

When I was in high school, I was in NHS, Mu Alpha Theta (surprisingly), and FTA (Future Teachers of America), but the bulk of my extracurricular activity was taken up with one of the greatest pastimes of all—MARCHING BAND!