



## Marty Zielonko: College Counselor

**Degree(s)/Degree-granting institution:** BA English Benedictine College, MA Secondary Education Administration SEMO

**Years teaching at St. Pius X:** 39 years

**Academic area:** Was English, Dean of Students Drug Ed. Now Drug ed and College Counselor.

**Coaching or club sponsorship roles:** None any more.

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

This is easy - being freely allowed to teach the drug education class now for 34 years. We believe we are still the only high school in the United States with this graded, credited, year long, mandatory for graduation, drug education class.

### What has surprised you most about working for Pius X?

Initially, the commitment by the many people who founded St. Pius and then the hundreds of people in 60 years who have worked here to maintain this community and make it the incredible institution it is today.

### Tell us about your proudest moment at Pius X.

Being a part of this for 39 of my 62 years. I am very proud of all we are as a community and all we do for so many students and families in so many ways beyond the classroom learning.