



**Mrs. Kathi Palma – Art Teacher (*Celebrating ten years*)**

**What is your professional background?** I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Design from Moore College of Art and Design and earned my teaching certificate from Immaculata University. I have been teaching Art at Saint Norbert School for 9 years, with 24 years of teaching experience in multiple grades from 1st – 12th.

**Who inspired you to choose teaching (education) as your profession?** Teaching was not my first career. I decided to pursue a career in education to give back to all the teachers who I cherished throughout my tenure in school. I wanted to be able to make a difference in a child’s life.

**What aspect of “Be Your Bulldog Best” most appeals to you?** I love that “Being your Bulldog Best” sends a message of not just trying to do your best in school, but also trying to be your best “self”. I think it helps the students to understand that each one of them is important and can make his or her own decisions. I am so happy when I see the children being rewarded for kindness, as teaching them to “do unto others as you would have done to yourself” is so important in today’s world.

**What is your favorite moment at Saint Norbert’s so far?** My favorite moment at Saint Norbert School to date was the day we were finally recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. I always knew we were “Blue Ribbon material”, but now everyone knows!

**What is your favorite thing about Saint Norbert’s?** My favorite thing about Saint Norbert’s is the kindness and sense of caring that is inherent in our community. There is just a “feeling” when you walk in the door that lets you know the school is special. The friendships that I have made here, at Saint Norbert’s have made my life happier.