

## MEET OUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AT ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN BARTLETT



Ashley Segarra (Art), Erica Winchester (Middle School Language Arts), Ryan Cooper (Music), Rebecca Bates (LIFE Math & Reading K-8), Becky Grady (Second Grade) Not Pictured: Kris Miller (Third Grade) and Sarah Wilkinson (Middle School Science)

### **Ashley Segarra (Art)**

Hi. I'm a recent graduate from Memphis College of Art. I graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in sculpture. I really enjoy hands on projects and my specialty is in ceramics. I'm very excited to join the St. Ann Family. I'm excited to bring new, fresh ideas to the school; such as fundraisers, contests, and public art opportunities. We are going to work with the St. Ann and Bartlett communities to highlight student work in a way that promotes faith and service through Christ.

### **Erica Winchester (Jr. High Language Arts)**

Hello! I am from Memphis and earned my Master's in Education degree from Christian Brothers University and I have earned an endorsement in Special Education. I have taught abroad and have an educational endorsement in ESL (English as a Second Language). I taught both elementary and middle school, with 8 years of experience under my belt. I began my teaching career working for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis's Jubilee schools. Most of my teaching career has been spent working in the Shelby County School system. I am a new bride and expecting my first child on Christmas Day. I love nature and being outdoors and often takes road trips to hike in the mountains and canoe. I am a huge fan of vintage relics and frequently repurpose mid-century furniture. I am excited to meet the parents and watch my students grow educationally and spiritually this 2016-2017 school year!

### **Ryan Cooper (Music)**

My family and I have been parishioners here since before I was even born! I graduated from St. Ann School in 2008, so it's really nice to be back here. I recently graduated from Rhodes College with a degree in music. I'm very lucky to be here and get to teach kids all the way from pre k where they will learn the basic foundations of music, and how to read it. Then up to the older students where we will have full choral concerts.

### **Rebecca Bates (LIFE Math & Reading grades K-8)**

Hi I would like to introduce myself to the St. Ann's Family. My name is Mrs. Bates and I will be teaching the Life class. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education. I taught for seven years at St. Mary's in Jackson, TN. I taught middle school social studies, and technology. I also spent last year working for the Shelby County School system as an Intervention teacher. My husband and I moved to Memphis from Jackson last year. Together we have two children. I love anything that takes me outdoors. Biking, hiking, running, and gardening. I am so excited to be part of St. Ann's School.

### **Becky Grady (Second Grade)**

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Becky Grady. I have over 25 years of teaching experience, with teaching degrees from Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University. I've taught in early childhood, special needs, many years in elementary, high school, and even at the college level. (Primarily in Catholic schools!) I do have to admit that teaching second grade is one of my very favorites! (As a bonus, the sacraments of reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion are prepared for and celebrated in second grade!) My husband and I moved to the Memphis area last summer. Having grown up and lived my entire life in Michigan, we're considering this our "grand adventure". We also are blessed with three beautiful grown children. I am so pleased to be given the opportunity to be a part of St. Ann's educational and faith community. I am devoted to providing learning experiences with the understanding each child is unique and has individual learning styles. As the second grade teacher, it is my intention to work with families to help each student become a passionate, lifelong learner.

### **Kris Miller (Third Grade)**

The new 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Kristina Miller, comes to St. Ann with ten years of experience in the Shelby County School System. She most recently was a teacher coach at Brownsville Road Elementary School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Memphis. Mrs. Miller is a parishoner of St. Ann and teaches in the PRE program as well. She is looking forward to connecting her faith with her profession here at St. Ann School!

### **Sarah Wilkinson (Jr. High Science)**

Ms. Sarah Wilkinson is the new Middle School Science Teacher. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Illinois State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Education from the University of Memphis. She has taught in the Shelby County School system and is looking forward to transitioning to the private school setting.

