



Maple Creek Middle School Parent Teacher Organization

Faculty & Staff Appreciation



Thanks to everyone who donated items to provide our faculty and staff with a taco bar in September.

On October 20, the PTO will treat them to Zianos. Watch for pictures in next month's newsletter.





Gary Teeple

What is your role at MCMS, and how long have you been doing this?

I have been teaching at MCMS for 23 years (within the NACS system for 29 years). I am licensed to teach K-12 general music, band, and choir. While here at MCMS, I have taught choir, show choir, band, general music, computer typing, study hall, Asian cultures, and fine arts enrichment (family and consumer sciences).

Who or what inspires you?

At this point in my life, I am inspired by my own children, my students, and my players. I was inspired to become a music teacher by my middle and high school band director. He wanted everyone to enjoy music as much as he did and made playing music fun. I wanted to do the same thing!



What is something about you that not many people know?

I enjoy watching fish swim and interact with one another. It calms me to watch them.

What is your favorite hobby?

Taking care of my fish tank is my hobby. I enjoy watching them and searching for different kinds of fish to purchase. My tank is a freshwater tank.



Are you currently binge-watching any shows?

My wife and daughter are binge-watching all of the *Grey's Anatomy* episodes since day one. Therefore, I am watching it too. Yippee!



If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Mexican food tops my list of favorite foods.

What's one item you cannot live without?

My caffeine fix comes from Pepsi. I drink it every day. I don't like coffee.

Would you like to share anything about your family?

I have been married to Autumn for 28 years. Autumn is a CPA at a small firm in Huntington. We have three children. Trevor is 25. He is married and living in Wisconsin. He works as a children's minister. Ethan passed away at the age of 5 from a rare form of cancer. We miss him very much but cherish his memories. Kensi is 14 and an 8th grader at MCMS this year. She is involved in cheer and show choir.

We have 2 dogs, Sadie and Lester, and a tank full of fish.



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Supporting Our School

The PTO recently purchased real-time translator earbuds to help our ESL students.



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