

Mrs. Canez

I think teaching is in my blood. My mom has worked at Methodist Preschool as an aide all of my life and my father was a High School English teacher for over 30 years at San Benito High School. I grew up spending weekends in his classroom playing “teacher”. I have wonderful memories of those times. Lots of people said I would grow up to be a teacher, but I dreamed of being a nurse. When I graduated from San Benito High School, I enrolled in college ready to study Nursing. While on a summer break, I worked as a teacher’s aide at Methodist Preschool. That summer changed my life. I had completed one year of nurses training and liked it. I had worked one summer at the preschool and loved it. Needless to say, I stopped nursing school and began studying education.

I attended California State University Stanislaus, and after graduating, I went back to Methodist Preschool and taught there for four years. In 1997, I was offered a job at Sacred Heart Parish School teaching Kindergarten.

The same month I was offered a teaching position at Sacred Heart Parish School, I also married my boyfriend of 7 years – Eddie Canez. I have been teaching First Grade since 1999 and have been here ever since. It turns out everyone else was right – I would grow up and become a teacher.

Eddie and I were both born and raised here Hollister. In 2000, we had our first blessing, Kinsey and three years later our second blessing, Michael joined our family.

I always think how lucky I am to have the job I do. Every year we have our “First Grade Family”. For 180 days we become brothers and sisters. We work together and learn together. We giggle, we cry and we pray together. We read together, learn math facts together, and attend mass together. The love and faith that grows in our classroom and at our school is true and honest. Sacred Heart Parish School is more than a school. Sacred Heart is a family. It’s a wonderful place to be.