

Miss Pellin

I was born and raised in Hollister, and today most of my family members reside in Hollister. Although I did not have the privilege of attending Sacred Heart Parish School, my family attended Mass every Sunday at Sacred Heart Church, and my mother was a catechist for many years. I am a graduate of San Benito High School and I received my Bachelor's degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2004. I will complete the credential program from Cal State Teach in December and plan to begin a Graduate program.

I am beginning my third year of teaching at Sacred Heart Parish School. During this time I have really grown to appreciate the work ethic of the students, dedication of faculty, kindness of staff, and the benefits of a Catholic education. Students at Sacred Heart Parish School constantly surprise me and have surpassed all of my expectations since my arrival. I look forward to the times when students teach me something new about math or life. This past year a Sacred Heart student described their math experience as follows, "I feel so much more confident in my math skills and I don't hate doing math anymore. I enjoy the challenge that is presented to me while doing math. Every problem has an answer, and many ways of finding that answer. Each problem in math is almost like problems and challenges in life. Every problem has an answer, many ways of finding the right answer, but also ways to finding a wrong answer. Each problem needs time and patience in order to find the right answer. Once you find the right answer, you feel more confident and motivated to take on the next problem...." This is just one reason I love teaching at Sacred Heart Parish School.

In math, there is a fine line. Students will say they love it, or they hate it. In most cases they hate math in middle school and beyond when it goes beyond basic number computations. I have found that students do not like math if they are not "good" at it. Students tend to "love" math if they are "good" at it. My goal has always been to get students to "like" math and be confident. Any of my students will tell you my favorite saying is "Perfect Practice Makes Perfect." The more you do something, the better you will get. The better you get, the more you will want to do something. I teach students they can truly do anything they set out to do, if they take the time and practice.

Aside from teaching and school, I love to play sports and be outside. I enjoy tedious home improvement projects, taking walks with my dog, and reading a good book when I get a chance.