

A portrait of Carrie Cherek, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a grey cardigan over a bright pink top. The background is a classroom with shelves and a pink bulletin board.

Carrie Cherek

A portrait of Amanda McGee, a woman with long blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a pink and white striped top. The background is a classroom with shelves and books.

Amanda McGee

Engaging Children

**"So often you find that the students
you're trying to inspire are the ones
that end up inspiring you."**

- Sean Junkins

Carrie Cherek, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher

I am ready to begin my second year at St. Mark's teaching 7th grade language arts. This will be my nineteenth year of teaching, and I love it as much as when I first started, if not more every year. It is so rewarding to develop relationships with my students and create a safe space where they can take risks and grow as readers and writers. I love the collaboration and sharing that happens and the confidence that builds when you have this strong community. I am very proud of my students' creativity, curiosity, thirst for knowledge, and willingness to try new things. It was a joy last year to witness them share their thinking and take pride in their work, both within and outside of our classroom walls with a larger audience. I appreciate St. Mark's for always encouraging me and allowing me to grow along with my students. I am so thankful for the staff, parents, and my special 7th graders, who made last year the most incredible and memorable year.