

Remembering Steve Salley

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Above: Steve Salley, 8th Grade Science Teacher, served St. Mark's from December 2012 to December 2017; Mr. Salley being recognized by Ms. Hernandez's 8th grade advisory from the Class of 2016 in 2014

The St. Mark's family lost a beloved member of the community in December. Steve Salley was our 8th grade science teacher and had recently been appointed as a science expert for our early childhood and early elementary science programs. Coming out of retirement in 2012 to serve as a long-term substitute for 7th and 8th grade science, we were fortunate to hire him full time and spend 5 years with Mr. Salley.

Mr. Salley's 45 year career as an educator spanned across various school districts and cities. He taught children as young as three and as old as 18, in schools with a wide variety of racial, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity. According to Mr.

Salley, "In common, all [students] are the most precious of our resources. All can and do learn. Coming from different life experiences, all require unique, individual teaching methods and tools to learn. Also, they all need positive role models in order to remain on the road to find success in learning, and in life. My goal is to do everything in my power to assist children to succeed."

Mr. Salley truly lived our mission. He celebrated the uniqueness of each individual as he created a space where we could be curious, playful, and joyful. As a school, we are committed to striving to emulate his example to honor his legacy.