

A portrait of Jarred Williams, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark polo shirt with the St. Mark's Lions logo. The background is a blue wall with white vertical lines.

**Jarred Williams**

A portrait of Jennifer Block, a woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a blue patterned top. The background is a classroom setting with a whiteboard and colorful papers.

**Jennifer Block**

# Inspiring Learning

## **Dawn Robins,** 4th Grade Teacher

I see the St. Mark's mission in action every day; teaching is done with enthusiasm, and joy built into the lessons. Students are engaged and active as they learn and extend their curiosity individualistically. This is my 13th year teaching 4th grade; I love this age group because the entire year is built around transitioning from foundational skills and concepts toward authentic use of information. After a lesson is given in class, 4th graders have more questions about the subject. They are then encouraged to seek out answers and build their level of understanding independently. It's a special year where children begin to view and use their teacher more as an academic coach and ally. Developmentally, they are able to build confidence in teacher advice and suggestions. St Mark's creates a space where I can continually learn more from those around me.

## **Jarred Williams,** Physical Education Teacher 1st through 8th Grade, Coach

I love St. Mark's because of the togetherness of the community and the consistency it provided to my life. I see our mission in action in every division, across our entire community. I love seeing our kids learning sportsmanship, and engaging with their Chapel Chums. The connection between our older and younger students is such an important part of our school. I think our dining program is also very aligned with our mission; it provides a nutritious options for our students. I love to teach because I feel like I'm contributing to the betterment of society. I personally believe that being in good physical shape helps you perform in all areas and provides a life of peace, wealth, self-control, and service. Recently I'm learning how to recognize what the students are teaching me. As adults, it's important for us to remember that we can learn from our children. I've been reminded to keep learning; we can always learn more!

## **Jennifer Block,** 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher

I love the sense of community that St. Mark's has. I love the ability to be able to be flexible and adaptable with my student's needs and wants. I see our mission in action when I look around my classroom, and students are helping students. I see it when my 7th grade students are all volunteering to walk my Preschool 3s twins, Connor and Caroline, to their class. I love teaching Language Arts because it's fun! Every day is a new day, and I love being able to share my love of reading with my students. I love seeing their excitement when a new skill is mastered and their pride when they can successfully help a friend learn. I have learned that our community is amazing. The St. Mark's community has supported my family and self through many different seasons. They have been supportive of the most unexpected and delightful ways.