



# St. Michael Parish School

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Dear Parish School Families,

It is with great pleasure that I accept the principalship at St. Michael Parish School for the 2012-2013 school year. I have been blessed with the opportunity to have worked with Mrs. Richardson for the past two years, and I clearly recognize the need to not only maintain, but enhance the tradition of Catholic education that has been established at St. Michael Parish School over so many years. I look forward to working with students, parents, and staff as we continue to put forth the best quality Catholic education in our area.

I was born and raised on Wheeling Island in Wheeling, WV and I am the youngest of seven children. My parents, siblings, and I were members of Blessed Trinity Church, and I have been married to Lisa for eighteen years. We have two children that attend St. Michael Parish School – Matthew (age 14) and Sara (age 8). We have been active members of St. Michael Parish since April 1, 1994.

I have been very involved in our community serving as football and basketball coach at St. Michael's since 1989. For ten years, I served as the Athletic Director of our parish school, and became part of the teaching staff in 2006. In 2009 I was named Assistant Principal. While at St. Michael Parish School, I have taught fourth grade, sixth grade, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra I. I am now very much looking forward to taking on the administrative role as Principal in the upcoming school year.

I am a high school graduate of Linsly School and obtained my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from West Liberty University. I have recently earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, and upon my graduation in May will hold a West Virginia certification in Elementary School Administration.

I strongly believe that all children should be expected to reach their highest potential, and it is our role as Catholic educators to expect their personal best from them while providing support and encouragement along the way. Each child learns differently, and each has unique goals and dreams. A Catholic education is the key to unlocking those dreams and guiding each student toward success.

As principal I will focus on our mission of providing academic excellence, faith development, fostering 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, practicing and teaching sound moral values, and meeting the needs of each child. I will continue to work with our school and parish community as we focus on the future of our children.

Sincerely,

Lee Gruber  
Assistant Principal  
St. Michael Parish School