

Meet the teacher: Jon Giordano

Jon Giordano always knew he wanted to be a teacher. Or at least, almost always.

"Once I realized I couldn't hit enough to be a professional baseball player, then I knew," Mr. Giordano said.

In his 28th year teaching at Metro-East Lutheran High School, Mr. Giordano is the faculty member with the longest tenure. He is chair of the theology department and teaches junior and senior religion, advanced theology and comparative religions. He describes teaching the Bible as his "true passion."

"Being able to help young adults translate knowledge of God's word into actual, real-life application is an amazing experience," he said.

Mr. Giordano also teaches math some semesters and is the assistant bowling coach. He previously spent 23 years as the MELHS head volleyball coach, retiring from that role two years ago. Now he does a different kind of coaching, assisting students with college and career counseling.

Mr. Giordano at a Glance:

- Bachelor's in secondary education with a math major from Concordia Chicago
- Master's of art in religion from Concordia Seminary St. Louis
- A big fan of "certain creative universes," including Star Wars, Harry Potter and the West Wing. Also, unfortunately, a Cubs fan ("I remind my students that I've gotten a World Series championship more recently than the Cardinals.")

The best part about being a teacher: Lifelong connections. Being invited to weddings of former students is an amazing honor

The best part about being a MELHS teacher: It's a real family at Lutheran High, and real family means sometimes things aren't all A-plus because we are all sinners. But the best thing about being in a Lutheran school is that we all operate in and under grace.

"II Timothy 3 speaks about the Bible making us wise for salvation, then verse 17 speaks about equipping us for every good work. That's what I see as one of the main purposes of Christian education."

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