

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# Ms. Nancy

## Academic Teacher

Ms. Nancy Cummings is an academic teacher with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education.



Ms. Nancy has been an Elementary School Teacher for over 25 years. Ms. Nancy has been awarded multiple times teacher of the year and is known for having a lot of parent requests for her classroom. Ms. Nancy is passionate about making a difference.

"My Vehicle for having a positive impact has been education. I love teaching. I love the spark that happens at the moment of success and the joy of finding the path to understanding for each student. I love giving students tools that enhance their GRIT and watching as they learn to navigate their own path to success when something is difficult. I love being the facilitator and cheerleader for a child's journey. One of my favorite words in a classroom is "yet", not "I cant do this" but instead, "I can't do this yet." Ms. Nancy is ecstatic to work side by side with Ms. Nicollette. Ms. Nancy was born in the tiny Missouri town of Butler. She lived on an 88-acre farm with chickens, cows, large gardens, and a pond full of fish. Her mother sewed many of her clothes and she was delighted when she was given the privilege of riding along on the Skelly Bulk Tank Truck with her dad to deliver fuel to surrounding farmers. She was the perfect mix as a child of a little lady and a tomboy. Ms. Nancy grew up in private lessons playing piano and singing. She played the trumpet in the marching band, jazz band, and orchestra. She filled the french horn section for a couple of years but loved being the trumpet player. Ms. Nancy described herself as shy in high school but stepping onto the stage brought out all of her confidence and it would shine. In high school and still, to this day she loves playing sports and staying active.

### Family has been everything to her.

Ms. Nancy and her husband Ron have raised two boys, Heath and Colt. Her son Heath, his wife, and their four children moved to Florida several years ago to accept a job as a sportswriter for CBS Fantasy Sports. Her other son Colt and his wife have followed to the Sunshine State and that is how Ms. Nancy and Mr. Ron found their way here. Having the family close and being part of the grandkids after school activities and everyday life are the heartbeat of their souls. Ms. Nancy's passionate about faith, knowing God wants to be part of every minute of her life and that the goal of her existence is to develop a relationship with her creator and savior.



She is passionate about her marriage, "I have the best partner in the world, my husband Ron. We spend every free moment we have together and are thankful for every day. Ron is a Leukemia survivor and I have seen faith, work, and determination that brought him through the difficult journey." Ms. Nancy and Ron love playing golf, cycling, jogging, and Kayaking. Their longest bike ride was 100 miles in one day for a fundraiser for MS. Their rides now are around 18-20 miles in length. They love to register for anything with a cause that they feel strongly about supporting. Ms. Nancy and her family are very outdoor-type people. Nothing slows her down. "I love talking about my husband, children and grandchild however my dog Mya will be insulted if I do not bring her up." Ms. Nancy said giggling. "Mya is an amazing dog we rescued or she rescued us whichever it is. She is such a gentle-natured dog and sweetest disposition. She spends quite a bit of time lounging around so she teaches us how to just BE. She loves sitting on the porch or watching TV using the grandkids as a pillow." Ms. Nancy and her family have endless stories of their giving time to their church, dedication to their old and new community, and are always looking for ways to minister and prosper others. She loves being part of a project for Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes. These boxes are sent around the world where some kids have never even had a present before. The boxes are delivered with messages of God's love and grace, and it makes her heart happy to find special purchases throughout the year to add to these boxes.

The second Ms. Nicollette and Ms. Nancy met it was all so clear God had his hand on this to be a very special 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Nancy will not only be the Academic teacher co-teaching with Ms. Nicollette, but she will also be the Bible Study teacher for the Performing Arts Elective Class.

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