



Mary Brinkman

Principal

Mrs. Brinkman taught in the Catholic School system for 36 years before becoming a principal 4 years ago. Before teaching at St. Thomas, Mary taught 9 years at Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Westchester. She has a B.A. from Benedictine University, a M.S. from George Williams College, and received her Master's Degree in Principal Prep from Concordia University. Prior to becoming principal, Mary was the Assistant Principal for 10 years. She was responsible for coordinating all of the overnight field trips, including Taft, Timberlee, and the Washington D.C. trip.

Administrative Experience

- Principal, 2015- present
- Assistant Principal, 10 years at St. Thomas
- Department Chairperson, 9 years at IHM
- Athletic Director, 9 years at IHM
- Curriculum Council & Co-curricular Council Member

About the Faculty and Students

"Our faculty is progressive, balancing traditional teachings with cutting edge technology and curriculum. We are able to provide one-on-one technology with a state of the art science lab, library system, and classroom resources.

We have bright and inquisitive students who challenge us to meet their high expectations and demand excellence in providing a Blue Ribbon education. Our students graduate with a solid and proven faith foundation, a rigorous and dynamic academic base, and a plethora of social experiences that prepare them well for high school."



"I am learning as much as I am leading as principal. I am blessed with a fantastic faculty, a brilliant School Board and FSA, encouraging parents, inquisitive students, supportive Friends of St. Thomas of Villanova School, and a pretty cool boss in Father Tom. I cannot be more excited to excel in this role as Principal!"

School Field Trips

- Pumpkin Farm (Pre K and K)
- Spring Valley Nature Center (3rd grade)
- Bike Trip (4th and 5th grade)
- Bowling (4th grade Phy Ed)
- Springfield (4th and 5th grade)
- Chicago (4th and 5th grade)
- 3-day outdoor trip to Lorado Taft (6th grade)
- 3-day outdoor trip to Timberlee (7th grade)
- Mini-Courses (7th-8th grade)
- Local plays
- Earth Day Disney films (K-8th)
- Feed my Starving Children (6th-8th grade)
- Holocaust Museum (8th grade)
- Washington D.C. (8th grade)
- High School Performances

Projects Related to Our Faith

- Christian sportsmanship: resolving conflicts in a Catholic Christian manner and safety