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## **Stephanie Hardy**

**Assistant Principal**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom**

Mrs. Hardy has been teaching at St. Thomas since 2006. She previously taught at Gemini Jr. High in Niles and in Jacksonville, FL and Divernon, IL. She has a B.A. in Education and Spanish from Millikin University and a Master of Arts Education/Curriculum & Instruction from University of Phoenix.

Mrs. Hardy works closely with Principal Brinkman on school accreditation through the AdvancEd program with the Archdiocese of Chicago. Her duties include data analysis and curriculum advancement.

### **About the Students**

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### **On St. Thomas of Villanova**

"St. Thomas is warm and welcoming. The students and teachers work together to create an amazing faith community."

## **Grade Level Curriculum Highlights**

"The 6-8 ELA curriculum combines rigorous, standards-aligned content with effective instructional practice, bringing together the preparation for high school success. We add high interest novel studies and participate each year in the Global Read Aloud.

1:1 technology allows us to give the students authentic learning experiences where they can create, edit, revise, publish and share their work. They are fully prepared for using various forms of technology in high school and beyond.

Several essay contests are offered and our students are repeatedly recognized for their quality and genuine talent for writing."

## **Field Trips**

Bi-annual trips to St. Viator High School for plays and musicals

## **Projects Related to Our Faith**

Feed My Starving Children field trip each Spring for grades 6-8 and assisting the Greater Chicago Food Depository Truck distributions at our parish several times each year.