

**St. Patrick School - Kindergarten
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Dear Kindergarten Parent(s),

My name is Christine Birney and I am SO excited to be part of the St. Patrick School family! More importantly, I am THRILLED to be your child's teacher. I would love to tell you a few things about myself as you embark on this kindergarten journey.

I was born and raised in Birmingham, MI and attended Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, Marian High School, and Central Michigan University. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education; my major is Child Development and my minor is Reading. I couldn't wait to graduate and start teaching as I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a teacher! I taught in a classroom for seven years in both the first and second grade before I chose to stay home with my children.

I am married to a wonderful man, Jim, and we have been blessed with six children: Erin(28), Molly(26, married to Jon), Anna(25, married to Jon with two year old Nora and nine month old twins, Kira and Ava), Jimmy(23), Sara(21), and Amy(11.) My oldest three girls have all graduated in the field of education, so I must have passed on my love of teaching on to them! We were a homeschooling family for 14 years and then they chose to finish off their high school education at Brighton High School.

I believe that a partnership must exist between school and home. You are the first and foremost educator of your child and no one knows your child better than YOU! I hope we can work as a team to educate and nurture your student.

Sincerely,
Christine Birney