

Teacher Spotlight – Karl Marquardt, English



Say hello to Mr. Karl Marquardt, entering his 32nd year of teaching; the last two of which have been at Newman Middle School. He teaches math and religion, and has worked with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. One source of inspiration for Mr. Marquardt came through his father who shared a story about a junior high principal. Witnessing the far-reaching impact this principal had on his dad, along with his own experience with great teachers drew Mr. Marquardt to the profession to which he has devoted his time and talent. While a sixth grader at Crescent School, Mr. Marquardt was inspired by his sixth grade teacher, Ray Johnson who, according to Mr. Marquardt, “had his finger on the pulse of his students, knowing what motivated us, when to push us, and when to ‘lay back’”.

Of his colleagues, Mr. Marquardt shares, “My colleagues are sincere and very dedicated to their mission as a teacher at Newman.” Like many of our wonderful teachers, Mr. Marquardt appreciates crossing paths with former students and parents who share the impact of his teaching and guidance and the positive difference he made in their lives.

When he is not providing feedback to students, contacting parents, supporting his colleagues, writing lesson plans, teaching, or developing curriculum (yes, our teachers are busy!), Mr. Marquardt enjoys outdoor adventures--golfing, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, just to name a few.

Next time you run into Mr. Marquardt, be sure to thank him for all he does!