

Mrs. Joan Bennett  
Junior High Teacher (6<sup>th</sup>)/Reading



Mrs. Joan Bennett has been a member of the St. Gertrude faculty since 2006. After graduating from Miami University with a BS in Secondary Education she began her teaching career in San Diego California teaching in public high school and middle school for 4 ½ years. A slight detour into the business world resulted in a 26 year career with Waldenbooks/Borders as a store and district manager which kept her closely connected to the world of books and reading. Returning to the classroom in 2001 she loves working with young teens and watching them grow and mature over the three year span she has them in class. She looks forward each year to donning her deerstalker hat and introducing students to that master detective Sherlock Holmes as well as thinking up numerous games and skits to make vocabulary fun and memorable. The challenge of keeping her teaching fresh and innovative keeps her focused and eager to continue drawing more from her students.