



Hello Families!

My name is Gabby Tegiacchi [Tuh-jockey], or Ms. T for short, and I am so incredibly excited to be the new middle school English teacher for the 2018-19 school year! Teaching has been a dream of mine for a very long time, and I am honored to have the opportunity to work with your amazing students. I have heard nothing but good things about them!

To tell you a little bit about myself, I grew up in Rotterdam, NY and graduated from Mohonasen High School. From there, I attended Siena College where I studied English and Education, and I just graduated as a very proud member of the Class of 2018! I have also received my Initial Certification from the State of New York, and I plan to pursue my Masters in Special Education in the next few years. My family attends Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish in Guilderland, which is where I grew in my faith and first developed my love of music. I also work part-time as the director of music at Saint Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena, where you are all welcome to attend mass!

As soon as I walked in the door at All Saints, I knew that this was where I wanted to be. I love the small class sizes, the community feel, and the fact that I will get to learn and grow with your students throughout their middle school careers. I also love the emphasis on the Catholic faith and its values of love, care, and family. I feel very lucky to have been offered this position, and I am so excited to get started!

In terms of summer reading, I have selected four books. Students are asked to choose ONE of the four. Students can find the assignment sheet and information about the four titles on the school website. Please note that:

- **The four texts and the assignment are the same for all grade levels.**
- **Students may complete the assignment by hand or online. It is due on 9/10.**
- **I provided the students with my email address in case they need any assistance completing the assignment or have any questions about it.**

All of these books should be available in your local library, the bookstore, or online. If you need help locating or purchasing the book of choice, please just let me know. I would be more than happy to help you out!

I also want to share my email address with you, gtegiacchi@ascaalbany.org. As the school year progresses, I am sure you will have questions or items you want to discuss. Middle school is a challenging time of transition for students, and having a team of adults that supports them is of the utmost importance. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time over the summer or during the school year. I am always happy to chat with you!

I look forward to meeting you on meet the teacher day, and to having a really fun year working with your students. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Peace and all good (It's a special greeting we use at Siena),

Ms.Tegiacchi