

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm happy to introduce myself as your child's teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

This begins my 23rd year teaching and 5th year at Notre Dame. I was born and raised in Dawson Creek. My husband and I live in the country with our two girls, Jolese, who is ten and Katie, who is 16. We enjoy outdoor activities such as quadding and skiing. We are blessed to have our extended family living in and around Dawson Creek, so we spend most of our free time with them. We also enjoy our two dogs, two cats, and two horses.

I decided to teach at Notre Dame because I enjoy the freedom of teaching children about faith. As I get older, faith provides me with a sense of hope and community. I can appreciate and share the word of God, helping guide the next generation of children in a healthy direction.

My focus is helping every child reach their potential. I'm a lifelong learner and completed my Master of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education in 2014. I focused on sharing learning through electronic portfolios to give families more significant insight into their children's day and individual goals and progress. This method of sharing feedback is becoming more prominent in education, and with that, we will be using a different system that offers many features and is well-developed. Once I set up portfolios, I will share insights into learning to enable you to see what we are working on, how it's going, and what the next steps are for your child. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions.

I have a background in Restorative Practices and a keen interest in helping children learn to self-regulate through challenging situations and work through problems in a manner that maintains dignity. I also have a well-developed library of books addressing common issues children face, and I'm always willing to lend them to families. (Worries, etc.)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I would love to hear from you, especially if you have any insights about your child and their learning style, passions, talents, and challenges.

Thank you for trusting me with your child's education!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharlene Weingart