

# Cree que puede, y ya está a mitad de camino

*(Believe that you can,  
and you're already  
halfway there)*

## Profesora Rison Spanish



Yo soy Mrs. Rison (or *Profesora Rison*). *Mucho gusto!* I've been part of the St. Peter's *familia* playing piano at masses since 2013, but I'm very happy to have joined the school family to teach *Español* and now Music as well. I have a B.A. in Spanish Literature and a Business Administration minor from Chestnut Hill College, a small Catholic school just outside of Philadelphia. I have played piano for 20+ years, and also play the flute, oboe, saxophone, and my favorite—the euphonium. In my free time I enjoy singing, reading, painting, and spending time with my *esposo*, our *hijos*, Adam and Simon, and our *perro*, Slinkypup.



Unfortunately, I will be missing the beginning of this school year while I'm recuperating at home on maternity leave. We welcomed baby Simon to our family this summer *el dieciocho de agosto*.

But don't fret! My classes are in good hands with Señora Ponton in the meantime. She will be reviewing content from last year and starting to go over new vocabulary so that students can talk about their *cosas favoritas* in Spanish.

I'm sure the mid-elementary school students will enjoy telling each other about their favorite *colores*, *animales*, and *comida!* Upper elementary school will be learning how to talk about *lugares* and how to use the verb "ir" which means "to go". Middle school will continue using the different forms of "ser" which means "to be" and begin learning more verbs to use in conversations about *deportes*.

### Teacher tip:

Students can always get some extra practice outside of Spanish class by creating accounts on [Duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com) and testing their Spanish skills there. (I'm looking at you, middle school Chromebook users!) Game on!

### A Note from your sub:

Hello everyone! My name is Ginna Ponton, and I will be teaching Spanish and Music for the month of September. I am very excited and I can't wait to meet the students and implement all the wonderful lesson plans Mrs. Rison has provided. See you in class!



### VOCABULARIO:

*La clase de Español* – Spanish class  
*Otoño* – Autumn  
*Yo soy* – I am  
*Mucho gusto* – Nice to meet you  
*Familia* – Family

*Esposo* – Spouse  
*Hijos* – Sons  
*Perro* – Dog

*El dieciocho de agosto* – August 18  
*Cosas favoritas* – Favorite things  
*Lugares* – Places

*Colores* – Colors  
*Comida* – Food  
*Deportes* – Sports