

Mrs. Dulcey's Art Room

Meet the teacher



I'm Mrs. Joan Dulcey and have been the art teacher at St. Peters for 21 years. I started when my youngest daughter was in the fifth grade at St. Peters. Since I teach grades K-8, I cannot begin to tell you how many students I have taught!

I have a BA from Temple University in Philadelphia. During that time, I also spent one semester in Rome, Italy studying art history up front and personal. I also attended several art classes at the Tyler School of Art.

My particular interest is in Straw Art. I have been working with straw for over 25 years and also sometimes paint and quilt, but straw is my medium. I have traveled throughout the US and Europe. I have taken workshops in England and Serbia and taught in Poland in the summer of 2016 at an International Straw Festival. My work has been in the White House and I have won awards in two International Straw Mask competitions.

My husband and I have been married for 39 years and have two grown daughters and 5 grandchildren, ages from 2 to 10 years old. We are so thankful to have healthy happy grandchildren who don't live too far away.

What happens in the art room?

I am blessed with a wonderful imagination, so I teach many different types of art forms to the children from 5 to 14 years old. It's great that I can watch the progress of my students over many years. I try to build on their skills and introduce increasing levels of art techniques each year. Because children have varied interests when it comes to art and I try to cover many aspects so that the children love to come to art and learn to appreciate art works, even if they

don't think they are good at it. We do some group projects, but mostly the children work on their own.

As I am one of the teachers for the middle school "electives" as an extra class for 6-8 grades, I do some different kinds of projects with these students. This year I am bringing back "Pete's Puppets" to this elective. I teach these students how to make muppet style puppets, including the clothes and put on performances for the school. Ms. Potter will help me by having the students write scripts for this year's shows. So not only will the children be making their own puppets, but they will be writing the scripts, creating the scenery and performing the shows! It will be an exciting time.

We will have a fun and an exciting year from "painting like Michelangelo" (under the tables} in Kindergarten to mini tree houses in the 8th grade. Come back to see some beautiful artwork throughout the year.